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SERIOUS RIOTING IN DUBLIN

REPRISALS FOR WAR'S CRUELITIES ITALIANS' WARNING TO ETHIOPIA CONVEYED TO GENEVA

Geneva, Apr. 12. A hint of Italian reprisals against any sort of Ethiopian atrocity or breach of the rules of war was contained in a note from Rome in reply to the Committee of Thirteen's appeal to the combatant nations published yesterday.

After affirming the Italian Army's observance of the rules of war, the note from Rome declares that such observance must be bi-lateral.

The Italian military authorities, says the communication, cannot do otherwise than punish every inhuman atrocity committed by the enemy.

The Ethiopian reply to the League note declares that Ethiopia has strictly conformed with international agreements governing war and has refrained from reprisals despite the systematic Italian violation of all the rules of battle.

It adds that if, in certain isolated cases, individuals have reacted against the Italian inhumanity, they have been severely punished.—*Reuter*.



Major Albert Duff-Cooper, British Minister of War, who in with Mr. Anthony Eden and Lord Halifax, playing a leading role in the negotiations for the pacification of the European situation.

FEAR OF NEW TAX BURDENS SOCIAL SECURITY IN AMERICA CONTRIBUTIONS BY INDUSTRY

Washington, April 11. A highly placed member of the United States Administration today said that a proposal to alleviate the immediate burden of the undivided profits tax had arisen and that the New Deal was considering the postponement of the imposition of Security taxes, either by delaying their collection or by revising the schedule for annually increased levies.

Mr. John Gilbert Winant, Chairman of the Social Security Board, has admitted that such a suggestion has been made, although he asserted that it was "only a suggestion."

Under the Social Security Act, \$228,000,000 is due to flow to the Federal Treasury after January 1 next year for unemployment relief and it is inevitable that an additional \$278,000,000 will be collected for contributory old age pensions.

The taxes will be graduated upward until, by 1950, industrial workers would be contributing nine per cent. of their pay-roll for Social Security, which would total around \$2,700,000,000 yearly.

Business circles opposing the undivided profits tax, say that the Social Security Act imposes a heavy burden on industry and that, plus the profits tax, it would seriously affect the financial status of many corporations.

The suggestion for the revision of the Social Security taxes are still nebulous. One suggestion is to spread the taxation increases over a great number of years, while another is to delay the imposition of the old-age pension levy.—*United Press*.

CROWDS ATTACK PARADE OVER ONE HUNDRED INJURED COMMUNISTS STONED

Dublin, Apr. 12. Over 100 persons were injured in hand-to-hand fighting when crowds repeatedly attacked a procession of Communists and Irish Republican Army men parading in observance of the anniversary of the Easter Rebellion.

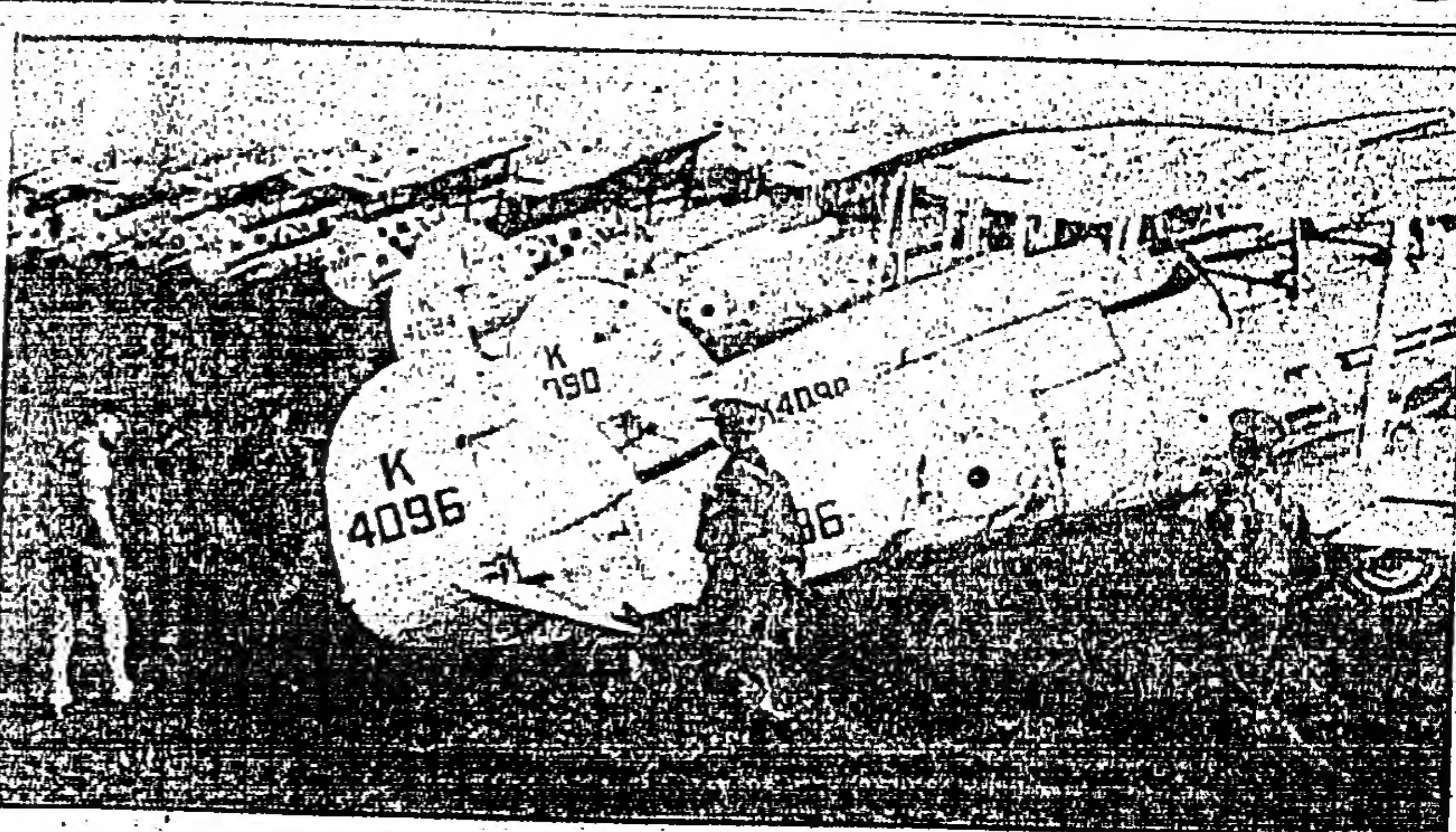
Mobs shouted, "We want no Red homage to our dead," and hurled themselves upon the marchers.

They used sticks and stones as weapons and the police finally had to draw batons and charge to quell one furious fight.

The parade was completely disrupted before it reached the General Post Office where the police charged the mob and threw a cordon about the paraders.

However, the mob charged again at the cemetery gates, where many were injured, just as the parade attempted to enter. The police intervened again, swinging their batons freely.

Mr. William Gallagher, the only Communist Member of Parliament, was among the paraders and narrowly escaped serious hurt when he was stoned by a section of the crowd.—*United Press*.



When 72 bombing aeroplanes "raided" London recently they were met by these 78 fighting aeroplanes. In the manoeuvres that followed in this sham battle, bombers and fighters hurtled recklessly over London. Britain's drastic re-armament programme has more than one-fourth her total budget this year. In turning out thousands of new aeroplanes like those shown above at Hornchurch, automobile factories have found it more profitable than the manufacture of motor cars.

Demanding \$8,000,000 For Defence

CONGRESSMEN WILL "HOLD" SESSION
 OTHERS SEEK GOOD-WILL

Washington, Apr. 11. Congress will be in session a long time unless the Senate agrees to restate in the War Appropriations Bill more than \$8,000,000 for Pacific Coast, Panama and Hawaiian defences, two Representatives warned today.

The money was put in the bill by the House of Representatives and removed by the Senate, and Congress conferees are now deadlocked.

Mr. Tilden D. Parks, Democrat of Arkansas, said he would hold Congress "until the fourth of July," if necessary, to restore the appropriation.

Mr. Dock Weller, Democrat of California, was even more emphatic. "Unless this money is reinstated we will be held until hell freezes over," he declared.—*United Press*.

GOOD-WILL TOUR
 Seattle, Apr. 12. Eight representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, led by the Commander-in-Chief, Mr. James Van Zandt, embarked yesterday aboard the President Jefferson for a 22-day good-will tour of Japan.

Mr. Van Zandt said the purpose of the visit will be to "develop a friendship that will provide the foundation for a mutual programme of effort in the field of world peace."

"I am convinced," he said, "that the people of America are as friendly to Japan as they are to any other nation; and that the great mass of American people are anxious to preserve the happy relations which have always existed between the two great nations in the past."—*United Press*.

EDEN PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO PRESIDE DURING NEXT SESSION

Geneva, April 12. Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, will preside at the next session of the League of Nations Council, opening here on May 11. This will be the first time a British delegate will have been president since January, 1931, when the late Mr. Arthur Henderson occupied the seat.

The presidency is filled by state-members in alphabetical order.—*Reuter*.

Ex-Dictator In Exile BUT CALLES HOPES TO RETURN FROM PEON TO PRESIDENT

(Special To "Telegraph")
 Dallas, Apr. 11. A haggard and dispirited exile, General Plutarco Calles, once Mexico's "strong man," today prepared to fly to California to live in the hope that he may one day return to the country in which he rose from peon to president.

General Calles said his deportation yesterday, in a surprise purge of the opposition party by President Cardenas, was because he opposed communism "which is ruining the infant industries of Mexico and can only lead to anarchy and chaos."

"I know nothing of plots of revolution in Mexico," he said.

General Calles chatted amicably with newspapermen and members of the Mexican colony here, indicating he would leave immediately for San Diego where he will live with his daughter.

He is accompanied by his aide, Captain Manuel Fuentes, and three formerly prominent Mexican leaders who were deported with the aging ex-dictator. His family, said the General, would remain in Mexico for the present.—*United Press*.

RIVAL UNIONS IN AMERICA SEEK CONTROL IN PACIFIC AREAS

San Francisco, Apr. 11. Judge I. L. Harris has granted the Pacific Sailors Union a temporary injunction forbidding the international organization of a new West Coast local union, pending the outcome of the Pacific union's suit to regain its charter.

He has also denied the international union's right to impose \$30,000 of the Pacific union's funds. However, this money is already included in a federal lawsuit.—*United Press*.

SNOW FOR Britain's Holiday EASTER OUTINGS SPOILED BLIZZARD IN KENT

(Special to "Telegraph")
 London, April 12. The most unseasonable weather conditions experienced by holiday-makers since 1917 ruled this Easter. Practically the whole of England was being swept to-day by snow and hail storms.

The storm in Kent amounted to a virtual blizzard.

There were short glimpses of sunshine during the morning in London, but later snow and sleet fell heavily, whipped by an icy wind.

Motor traffic was described as below the week-end average, though there were numerous cyclists and hikers on the highways.

Similar weather conditions are reported from a number of other countries. Snow fell in many districts of France and temperatures 14 degrees below freezing point were reported there.—*Reuter Special*.

FOUR KILLED BY TIDAL WAVE TASMANIAN STEAMER TOSSED BY SEA

Melbourne, Apr. 12. Four persons were killed and many injured when a huge tidal wave struck the Tasmanian steamer Nairana at the entrance to Port Phillip harbour and threw the vessel on her beam ends.

Three members of one family, husband, wife and daughter, were swept off the deck into the sea, and drowned.

Another man was crushed to death under the terrible weight of water.—*Reuter Special*.

AUSTRIA TENSION REVIVES NAZI ACTIVITIES CAUSE UNREST ARMY ON "ALERT"

Vienna, Apr. 12. Nazi activity has broken out again in Austria, following the recent decision to conscript a new army in defiance of the post-war treaties.

The Government admits its inability to suppress completely gun-running across the frontier. Recent frontier guards were doubled in order to prevent the illegal importation of arms and munitions from Germany.

The police have been ordered to arrest the leaders of the Nazi "cells" which are suspected of plotting rebellion against the Government of Dr. Schuschnigg.

Meanwhile, the gendarmerie and military forces everywhere are ordered to maintain "the alert." Concentration camps are filling rapidly and conscription is progressing.—*United Press*.

AMERICA TO DODGE WAR LOANS BELLIGERENTS WILL LACK FUNDS BARTER MAY RESULT

Washington, April 12. The United States' determination not to pay any part of the costs of a possible new European war may compel a re-direction of continental economic interest to South America, Asia, and Africa, and raise unprecedented problems of economic character, financial experts here predict.

Numerous authorities consulted by the United Press were unanimously of the opinion that the combined effect of the Johnson Act against loans to War Debt defaulters and the recent Neutrality Act forbidding loans to belligerents would be to establish a financial dyke between this country and warring nations of Europe through which only small streams of money might trickle. Restraint on credit would curtail shipments of goods.

This financial insularity of the United States, experts thought, would make the accessibility of materials, re-direction of continental economic interest to South America, Asia, and Africa, and raise unprecedented problems of economic character, financial experts here predict.

In event of long war, this certainly would lead to a wide array of national programmes for development of colonial resources, scientific substitution of inaccessible commodities, imports on long-term contracts, levies on home stocks, and possibly even international barter arrangements. Such arrangements naturally would be directed to countries having a relatively urgent interest in the disposal of export commodities, as in South America and Asia.

FLIGHT OF CAPITAL
 Efforts of European Governments to compel a return of individuals



Lord Halifax, the Lord Privy Seal, who has just returned from Geneva to London to report on the European situation.

STOP PRESS

New York, Apr. 12. Mr. James M. Beck, Solicitor-General from 1921 to 1925, died here today.—*Reuter*.

Clark Gable—Hollywood's "Nicest Man"

THREE leading male Hollywood lights summed up by Lady Bridget Poulet—just back from California.

1. Clark Gable—"The nicest man in Hollywood and the least affected."

2. Fredric March—"The most charming man in Hollywood."

3. Robert Montgomery—"The best looking man, but he knows it."

ESCAPES GALLOWS FOR HOLLYWOOD FAME

San Jose, Apr. 12. David A. Lamson, former Stanford University Press salesman, freed of wife murder charges after four trials, will go to Hollywood Monday to spend a month preparing for the filming of his book, "We Who Are About to Die."

Lamson wrote this book while he was awaiting the outcome of a fourth trial gave him his acquittal.

H.K.O. studios announced yesterday they had obtained motion picture rights to Lamson's book which deals with philosophies upon the life of San Quentin prisoners. "Condemned Row," where the author was a prisoner for thirteen months.—*United Press*.

S'hai Visitor Detained U. S. IMMIGRATION MEN HOLD YOUNG WOMAN

San Francisco, Apr. 11. Immigration Department officers have temporarily detained Miss Eve Lipkovsky, the daughter of a Shanghai jeweller, who recently arrived on the Taiyo Maru with a six months' visiting permit.

A special inquiry board did not reveal the reason for the detention and finally granted a year's visiting permit after friends had bonded Miss Lipkovsky for \$500.—*United Press*.

Story of Plot to Kidnap Dempsey's Daughter

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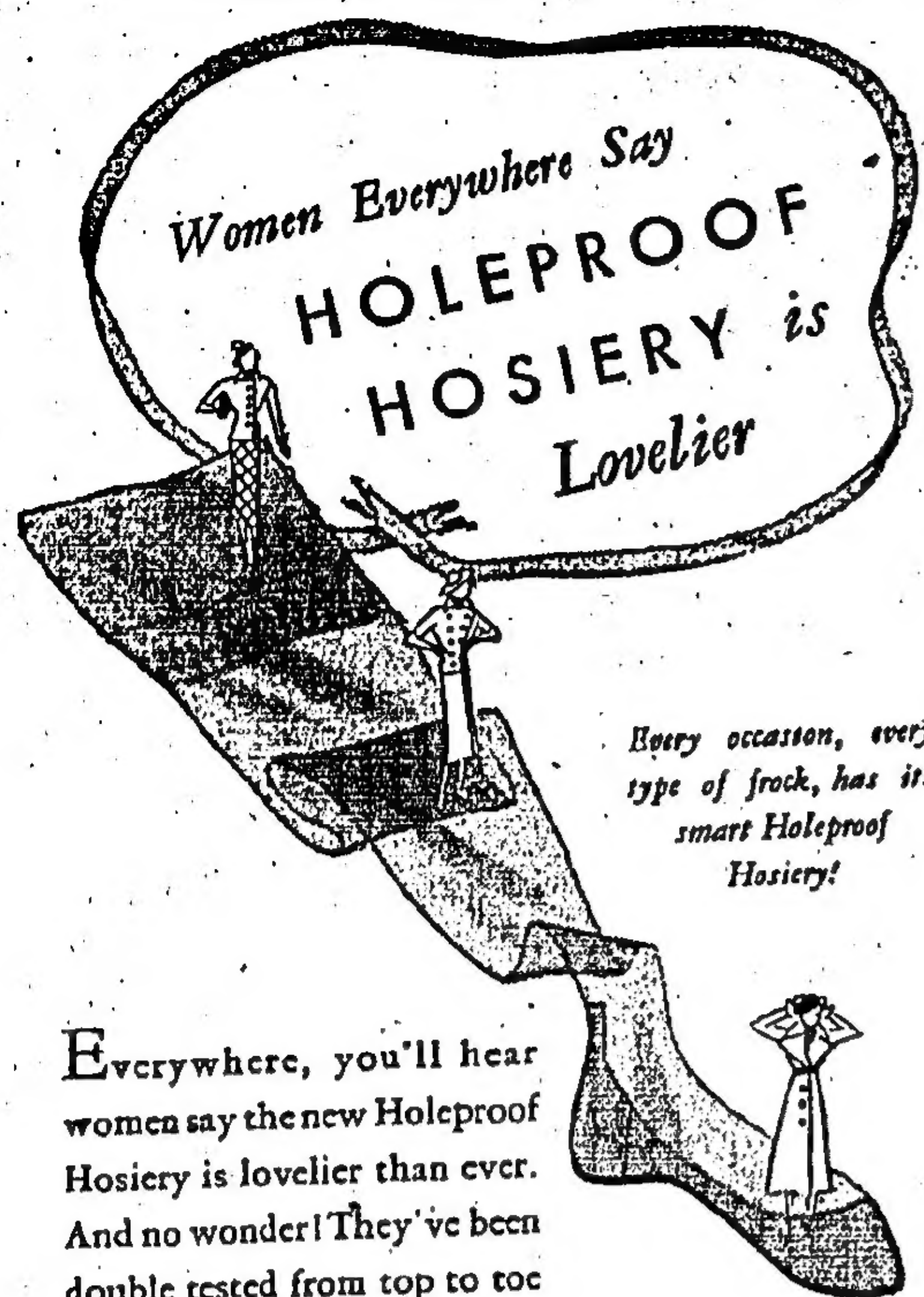
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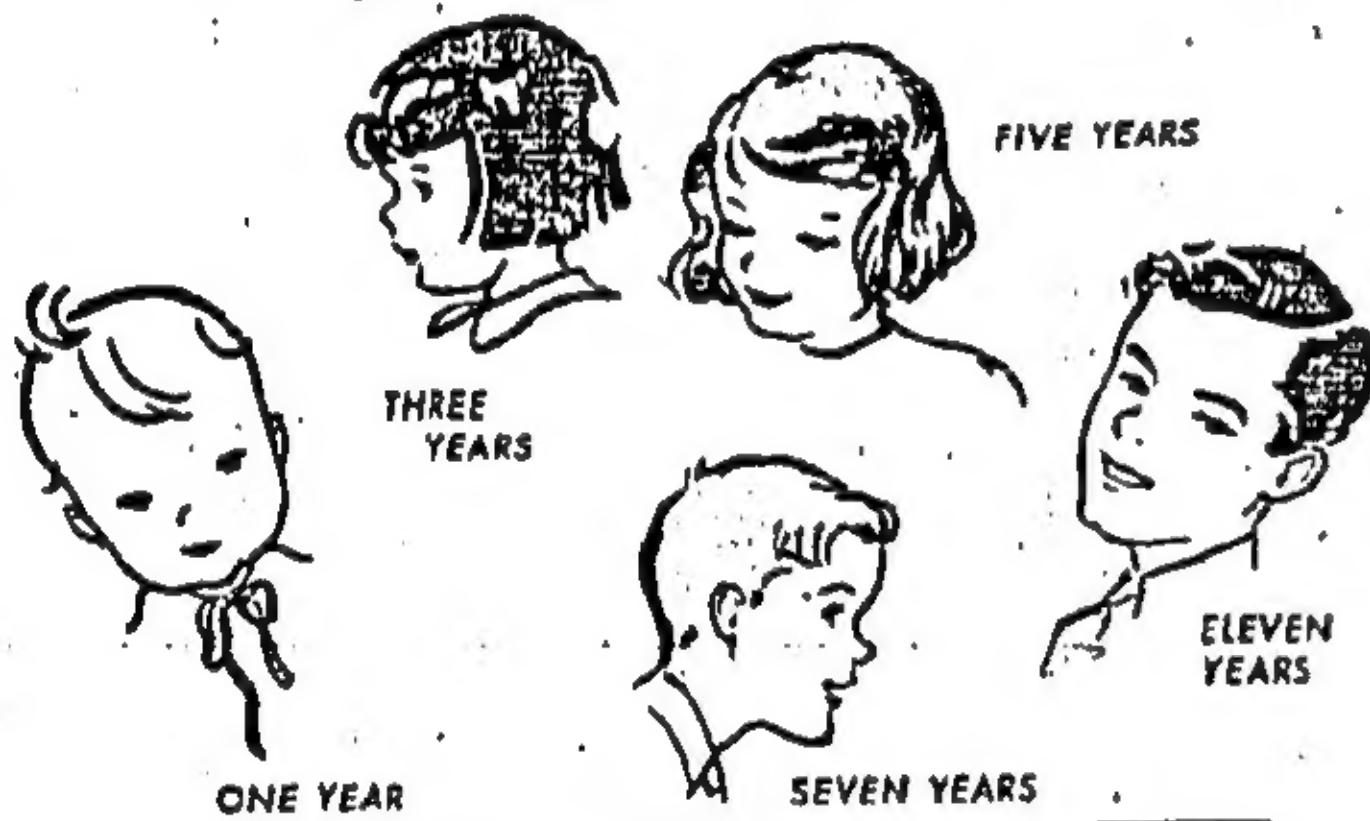
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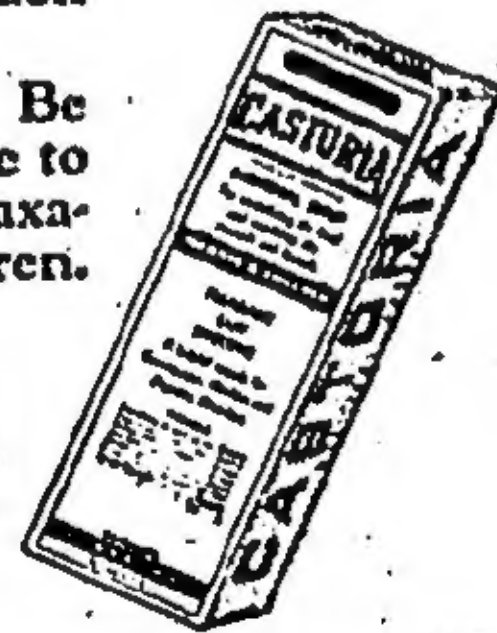
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**MINERS SEIZE
OLD PITS**

**POLICE DARE
NOT ACT**

New York, Apr. 1.

A NEW form of bootlegging has grown up in America. The authorities are afraid to act, for they know that if they do there will be riots.

Fourteen thousand destitute coal miners help themselves to five million tons of hard coal every year and receive £7,000,000 for it.

The mine owners in North Eastern Pennsylvania were indirectly responsible for starting what has been described as "the worst outbreak of lawlessness since the Civil War." Now they can't stop it.

MINES REOPENED

Six years ago, in these dark days of the depression, the owners allowed their discharged employees to mine coal for their own use.

The miners began to sell it. News of the movement spread. Mines which had been closed were re-opened, and the bootleg coal was taken to neighbouring States and sold at ten shillings a ton under the legal price.

Owners dismantled the machinery, but the men installed petrol engines from old motor-cars and used back axles of "fifteen" to wind the pit cages up and down. Mine owners are urging the civil authorities to take action, but there is great popular sympathy with the men.

RETORT TO THREATS

Governor George H. Earle, of Pennsylvania, has flatly refused to do anything about it.

Bootleg coal has brought some semblance of prosperity to America's anthracite towns, where the miners are earning an average of £1 a day.

Threats of prosecution have met with the retort that the miners, if necessary, will use violence to protect the only means of livelihood they know.



Japan is one of Australia's best customers for wool. She threatens to one day oust Britain as the principal buyer. Photo shows a consignment being loaded upon a N.Y.K. liner at Melbourne.

LORD NUFFIELD'S DRINK UPSET ISLAND SIESTA

LORD NUFFIELD experienced all the sensations of a "raid" at Thursday Island, on his way to Sydney, when police of the island suddenly entered a hotel where he was having a drink on a Sunday.

HAPPY AUSTRALIA: TRADE RECORDS

Wool contributed chiefly to Australia's export increase of £9,000,000 in the last six months.

Chief purchasers were United Kingdom, £8,420,950; Japan, £6,465,358; Belgium, £2,742,176; and France, £1,971,016.

Other outstanding items were:—Lamb, £2,654,000; butter, £1,454,000; rabbit skins, £1,032,000; lead, £2,100,000; and gold, £6,423,000.—*Austral News.*

BRIDEGROOM CHANGES NAME TO BRIDE'S

PRINCIPALLY to please his future bride, partly for reasons of convenience, a Newport (Mon.) bridegroom-to-be has changed his name by deed poll from Edwards to Watt.

His bride-to-be is Mrs. M. E. Watt, a widow, of Llandaff. When she marries again she will still be Mrs. Watt.

"After all," Mr. Watt explained, "there are so many people called Edwards in this part of the world."

Convicts Play Poker, Take Drugs, In Jail

Joliet (Illinois), Apr. 1.

SENSATIONAL disclosures showing that convicts dressed how they pleased, played poker for large stakes, and obtained drugs, have been made by the commission investigating the murder of Richard Loeb in the prison at Joliet.

Loeb, condemned to life imprisonment for the "murder for a thrill" crime twelve years ago, was stabbed to death by one of the other prisoners, James Day.

Members of the commission report that before the appointment of a new governor a few months ago, the "prisoners ran the prison."

Convicts played poker with as much as £320 on the table. The warders, who had been bribed, looked the other way. As much as £3,000 circulated in the prison at one time. Favoured convicts wore white shirts and flannel trousers in the summer.

Drugs were obtained at 6s. a shot while the convicts made alcohol from sugar they took from the prison kitchens. This was sold at 5s. a pint.—*United Press.*

When the Marella called at Thursday Island—also known as Thirsty Island—the British peer was one of a party of tourists who went ashore, and, finding the tropical heat oppressive, sought a "cooler" in one of the three weatherboard hotels that front the palm-fringed shore.

Thursday Island, rarely wide awake, is bound asleep on Sunday afternoons.

At the hotel, Lord Nuffield's party found a gramophone. Someone started it playing. No other sound competed with its strains of jaunty jazz.

FIGURES AT DOOR

"Suddenly," says Lord Nuffield, "two big figures clad in khaki appeared in the doorway. With our glasses in our hands, we looked at them, and it dawned on me who they were—police!"

"They were most impressive in their breeches and leggings, and wide-brimmed hats," he added.

Thursday Island's Police Force regarded the tourists sternly.

"We don't mind you having a drink," they said. "But we can't have you making a row on a Sunday."

The party looked sheepish, and someone turned off the gramophone.

The Police Force left. "Personally, I didn't mind," said Lord Nuffield and confessed, "I hate the gramophone."

Still chuckling over the experience, Lord Nuffield said that, for one awful moment, he visualised headlines: "Lord Nuffield Arrested at Thursday Island!"

A FATHER AT 96

A 96-year-old veteran of the American Civil War, Mr. George Hughes, who 14 months ago became the father of a son, is expecting another addition to his family in May. His wife is in her twenties. Mr. Hughes lives at New Bern, Carolina.—*Reuter.*

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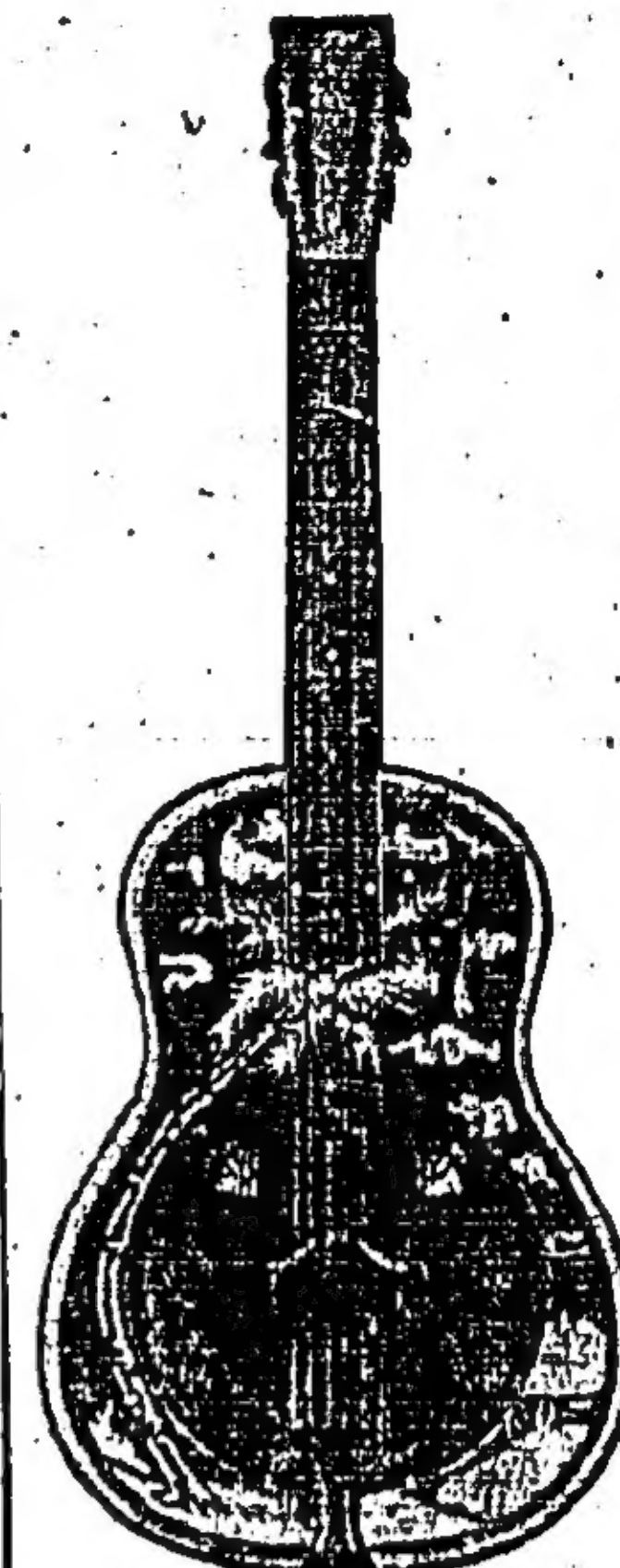
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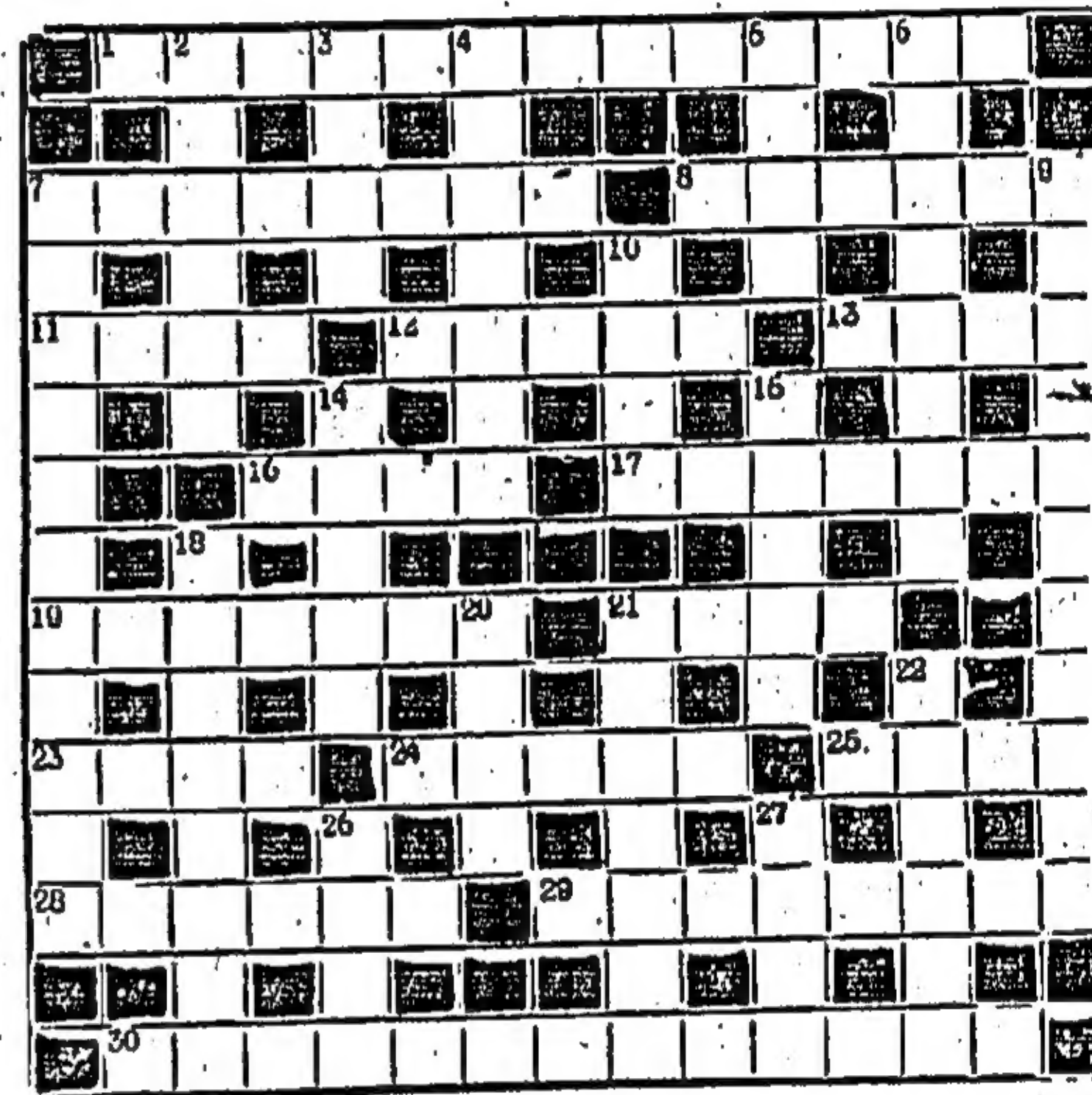
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- 2 Go away! You want permission to be here
- 3 Metropolitans, or the first order of mammals
- 4 Al Corm (anag.)
- 5 Where Andrew lost a little article
- 6 Not right about face: face about right, in short, which is, of course, ridiculous
- 7 Known for a recent plebsite
- 8 Some kid
- 9 Quite a good scout
- 10 Moving—this is rather elliptic, isn't it?
- 11 A dog's ends would seem to be the rest
- 12 Curved lines covered by cars
- 13 There's no wrong in the heart of this friend, so why cry out
- 14 District playing its part in war early
- 15 Made an audible cry
- 16 Theatre-goers who are not necessarily identified with Chatham
- 17 These sufferers should try cures in Athens for a change

DOWN

- 1 Silence breakers
- 2 Feet whose initials were O.K.
- 3 American saloon
- 4 This bird's name is painted on the Calais Packet
- 5 Might be regarded as a hard case
- 6 Train speeds are not for them—sorry, they are
- 7 Collectors of door-knockers in

the "good old days."
10 Capture in a curious fashion.
14 Go away! You want permission to be here.
15 It is understood to include the present.
18 Am I to send a message?—friendly, of course.
20 A game bird.
21 Though it might be in Perth it's in Cumberland, as a matter of fact.
22 He makes a living out of the work of other people.
26 Bread and cheese goes down well with this Devon town.
27 Most unco' centre for the last clue.

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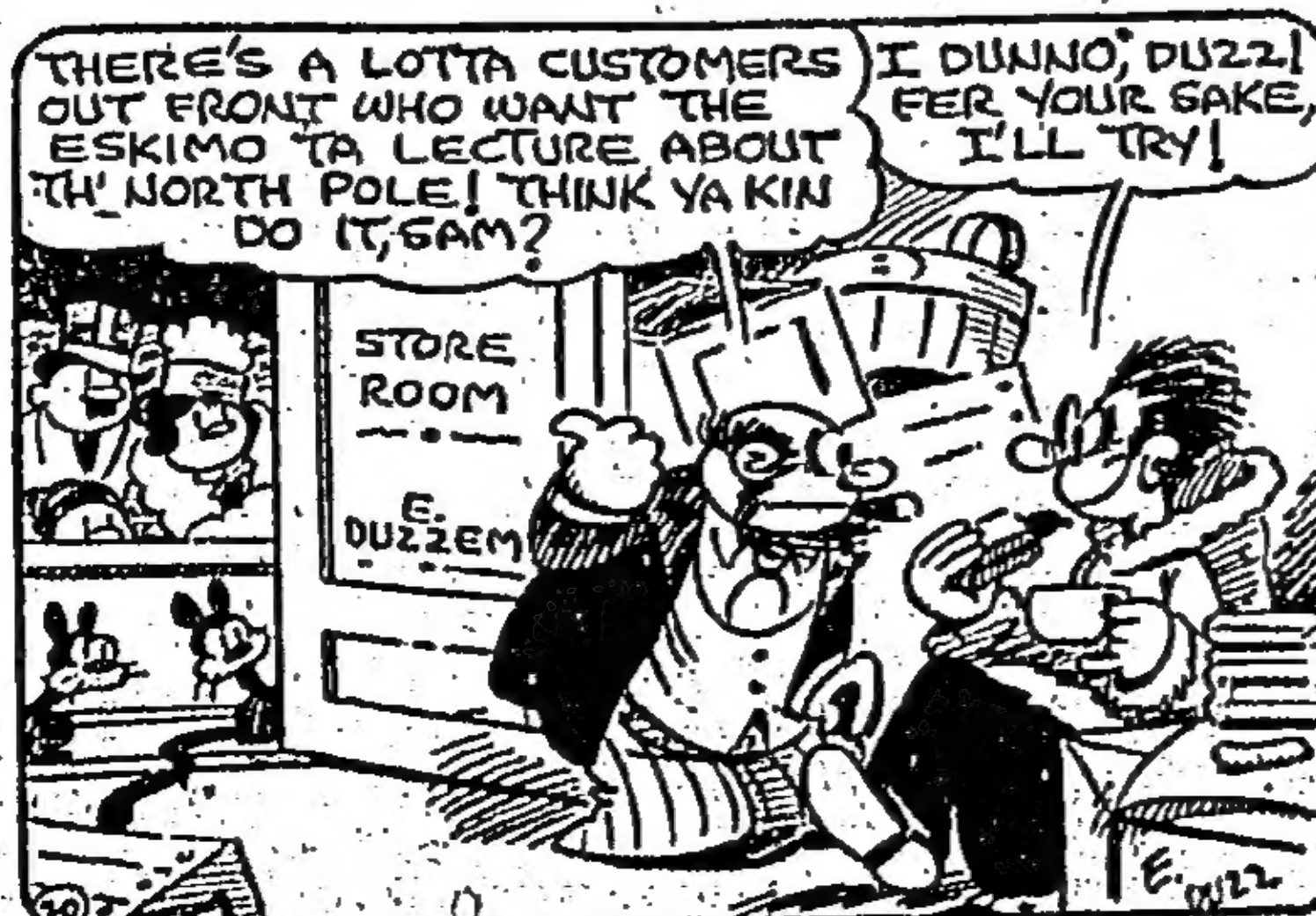
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Mystery Animal That Laughs And Talks

STONES THROWN AT FAMILY IN BED

HYMNS—AND DEATH THREATS

By Richard Lewis

ON the night of September 10, 1931, Mr. James T. Irving went early to bed in his lonely little farmhouse on the hills near Glen Maye, Isle of Man. A strange laugh stirred him to wakefulness.

It was a queer, high-pitched laugh—like that of a demented old man.

A small stone cracked against his bedstead. Then a shower of stones . . . from somewhere near the roof. Another maniacal laugh.

Mr. Irving leapt out of bed. But his room was empty; the door shut fast.

Thus begins one of the most amazing "ghost" stories I have ever heard.

I give it as it was told to me. It is the story of a mystery "animal" who says he is a mongoose and answers to the name of "Gef".

Talks adult English and Hindustani; sings and dances and loves to play with a ball.

Claims to be 83 years old; "Sees" things that are happening ten miles away;

Repeats the conversation of people who think they are alone; Swears he has threatened a family of three with death and injury;

Throws things at them and jokes with them in the slang of a small schoolboy;

Flies into a temper and vanishes when annoyed.

CANDLELIGHT

The story was told to me in a little kitchen of the farmhouse 750ft. above sea-level.

I had reached it after a harrowing four hours' climb from Glen Maye in the night darkness, panting up a narrow, rocky steep track, ankle deep in mud and losing my way in the hillside bogs.

At last, in the guttering light of a candle, I sat at the table with the three members of this strange household—the farmer, Mr. James T. Irving, a silver-haired, keen-faced man of about 60; his wife, Margaret, tall, dignified, wistful; and their 18-years-old daughter, Volrey, dark, well-built, handsome, silent, creating an atmosphere of these bleak, empty hills over which she has roamed alone since she was a baby.

PRISONERS' WORK

Mr. Irving is educated, travelled, well-read, knows something of German, French, and Hebrew. Before the war he was in business in Liverpool.

He and his wife came to this isolated farmstead of Doolish Cashin in 1916.

Before they moved into the grey little two-storied house with its 2 ft. 6 in. thick walls every room in the house was paneled with match-branding. The work was done by German prisoners of war.

Volrey was born there, and for 15 years the Irvings lived the happy, hard-working life of small sheep and poultry farmers. Then in the autumn of 1931 the mystery "animal" was first heard. From behind the boarding in various rooms came noises of growling and barking and spitting and the "blowing" made by a wasel when it hypnotises its victims.

Mr. Irving put down traps and poison. The result was the terrifying night when the stones were thrown.

Six months of horror followed. There were terrific thumpings and bangings behind the boarding. Pictures swung crazily. Heavy chairs were thrown down. A pan of water was whisked off the fire. Then the "something" which the Irvings felt was there began to talk. . . simple phrases repeated after them from behind the boarding.

FOUR-INCH SPACE

"In those first six months Gef was definitely antagonistic," Mr. Irving said. "He told us later that it was because we had shown we did not want him."

"There were holes in the walls and ceiling joints through which I thought he might have got into the house and behind the boarding."

"Once behind the boards he could get from room to room, including the bedrooms. The boarding is like an inner shell to the house. There is a space of four to five inches between it and the walls."

"I boarded up the holes, but just as quickly the wood was scratched and torn away. We all heard it. 'If I had been able to leave the house then we would have gone."

HIGH-PITCHED VOICE

"Night after night Gef would keep us awake for hours by talking from behind the panelling. His voice is high-pitched, much higher than anything possible to a human voice."

Volrey seemed to have some attraction for Gef. Mostly the voice came from somewhere over her head in her bedroom.

In those first six months things were thrown at Mr. Irving when he was in bed.

"One night, after things had been bad," he told me, "I decided to have Volrey's bed in my room for safety. We discussed it, and Gef's voice came from behind the panelling. 'I'll follow her wherever you move her."

"When we went to bed I barricaded the door with dressing-boxes, chairs, and a heavy weight."

"Soon we saw the top of the door bulging in as though some terrific force were thrusting against it. But the door held."

"Then Gef's queer, high voice said, 'I'm coming in.' A few seconds later a heavy pot of ointment kept in the room crashed against the bedstead."

"How we kept sane in those first six months I don't know." But soon, the Irvings say, they began to be less afraid of Gef and with that his antagonism began to fade.

He told them his age—he says he will be 83 on June 7 next, and always gives the same date—and that he had been in India; that he was a mixture of tree and marsh mongoose; that "once he had been 'shut up,' and that is why he is so afraid of traps."

When they asked him how he could talk, he said: "I could understand before. I tried to talk, but you taught me."

PHONETIC SPELLING

At first they called him Jack. He said he did not like that name. They suggested Jeff. He agreed. The spelling G...E...F is his own. He spells all simple words phonetically, explained Mr. Irving. His spelling of "apple" is a-p-p-l; of "bloke" it is b-l-o-k.

Mr. Irving says he is convinced now that Gef is mischievously perverse and often deliberately tries to confuse them; that he knows much more and can do much more than he admits.

Gef will not explain his powers. To questions he replies tersely: "Hindu magic!" or "I cannot tell you how I know, but I know."

He has told the Irvings that his existence is physical and that he must have food to live. He says he cannot make himself invisible.

EXACTING BOARDER

He is an exacting boarder, and regularly the Irvings leave food and water for him.

The food is always wrapped in paper and put on a plate on top of a small beam which runs under the boarded ceiling in Volrey's bedroom. Water is put in a cup in the same place.

The food and water are left at night; next morning the cup is empty and the wrapped food has vanished.

Gef will not touch milk or eggs, the favourite food of mongooses. He particularly likes raw bacon and beef, bananas, and biscuits.

FADDY

But he is faddy. If cheap or stale biscuits are left out for him they are untouched and next morning he says "I'm not going to eat your stale mush!"

The Irvings say that when they have been in bed they have heard Gef open and shut the door of a larder cupboard which stands in a

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corner of the kitchen—and next morning food is missing.

Mr. Irving assured me that all three of them had touched Gef. He appears very rarely, and is nervous when visible. He has been seen in daylight, but apparently prefers the night-time.

His actual appearances are usually made on the cross-piece about 6ft. 6in. from the floor in Volrey's bedroom or on another piece of wood which runs through a gap in the partition which separates Volrey's bedroom from that of her parents.

HIS DESCRIPTION

This is the Irvings' description of Gef: Body about six inches broad bushy tail about six inches light yellow fur, the hairs of which are about three inches long; proportionately small head; long, pointed nose, the tip of which, however, is flat and rounded, like that of a pig; four legs, the front two of which end in three fingers and a thumb; they have not had an opportunity to examine the back legs, as Gef insists on keeping his face towards them.

Mr. Irving showed me photographs of an animal resting on a wooden gate. He said they were photographs of Gef taken by Volrey.

The photographs were not good technically, but in some it was possible to make out a head which resembled that of a whippet dog, broad at the top of the skull and tapering to a long pointed nose. Against the darkness of the gate the subject showed light-coloured.

"SITTINGS"

The body appeared to be almost curled up like that of a hedgehog. In one picture a bushy tail hung down below the top bar of the gate. The general impression was that of a very corpulent weasel.

Mr. Irving said that for years he had been trying to induce Gef to "sit" for a photograph. He had always refused until recently, when he has agreed to a number of sittings.

Mr. Irving told me of a number of instances revealing strange powers possessed by Gef. To questions he has denied that they are the result of clairvoyance or clairaudience but has refused to reveal their source.

SHEEP FOUND

While Mr. Irving was out clipping a sheep known as the "Wild Fellow" in a field a quarter of a mile away and out of sight of the house, Gef has been talking to Mrs. Irving and telling her all about it, naming the sheep and describing Mr. Irving's difficulty with it. Mr. Irving had not expressed his intention to clip this particular sheep before he left.

Sheep have been lost, and after Mr. Irving and Volrey have spent days in looking for them Gef has said where the sheep are. In some cases sheep have been found—on Gef's instructions—among the flocks of other farmers' miles away.

Gef appears to be a curious mixture of age and youthfulness. Sometimes when he coughs it is the hacking, rasping cough of an old man.

Mr. Irving says he laughs in several different ways. Sometimes it is the chuckling laugh of a happy child; sometimes the controlled mirth of a serious adult; sometimes the demented cackle of a lunatic. But in each case the pitch is higher than human.

He sings often—songs like "Ellan Vannin" the patriotic Manx song, or "I Passed By Your Window," which Mr. Irving believes he picked up by listening to visitors to the island. The song has never been sung by any of the Irvings.

If Gef is interrupted he breaks off his song for a minute or two. When he resumes he takes up at the exact spot at which he left off, even if it is in the middle of a word.

If he has had enough of talking he suddenly says "Vanish," and is then silent. Sometimes his silences last several days. But if he wants to talk he insists on having his own way, and will go on until four o'clock in the morning.

SINGS HYMNS

When Mrs. Irving is annoyed Gef sings hymns to placate her. Mr. Irving says his wife is the only one of the three who can control Gef, although he believes the influence which drew Gef to them is in himself and his daughter.

Gef, in playful mood, calls Mrs. Irving "Phyche Margaret" or the "Witch Woman." His more usual form of address is "Mam" or "Maggie."

Gef has acquired a rubber ball which they hear him bouncing on the ceiling of Volrey's bedroom. He plays the game of bouncing and counting the bounces. Sometimes he counts in twos—2, 4, 6, 8, etc.

When he drops the ball they hear it roll down behind the boarding. Then Gef's voice, annoyed: "Dash! I've dropped it!"

Mrs. Irving has many times asked Gef to go away and leave them alone. . . His answer is: "This is my home. I'll go when it suits me."

The Irvings can seldom tell from exactly where behind the panelling Gef's voice is coming. Sometimes it is over their heads; sometimes at their feet.

For some years now Gef has repaid the Irvings for the trouble he causes them, by catching rabbits for them.

His excited voice will be heard: "Got a rabbit!" He will tell them where to find it—sometimes a long walk away. It is always there—nearly strangled! Gef has explained that he kills them with his "hands." The rabbits never show any marks of teeth—and Gef will not eat them himself.

NO INVESTIGATORS

Gef will have nothing to do with doubters or psychic investigators. He calls them "spirituels" or "ghost hunters," and when they appear he is usually silent until they have gone. He has expressed a fear of "holy water."

In the several hours I spent in the Irvings' house I neither saw nor heard any sign of Gef. I asked if he could be induced to say or do something to reveal his presence.

Mr. Irving said he had not been heard for several days.

Mrs. Irving, however, said she was convinced that Gef was listening to all that was being said and might express views when I had gone.

I put several questions to Mr. Irving, which he answered willingly. Here are the questions, with the substance of his answers.

Have you, your wife, or your daughter ever attended a spiritualist meeting or seance?—Never. We know nothing about the subject beyond what any other casual reader would know.

Has Gef ever been heard when all three of you have been in the same room together?—Frequently.

Has he been heard or has anything happened when Volrey has been away from the house?—Yes. We have spoken to him when she has been at school five miles away. Have any of you any ventriloquist powers?—No.

Who or what do you think Gef is?—I just don't know. It has been suggested that he is an earth-bound evil spirit, but when I asked him he denied it—point-blank. All I know is that he is here.

TRADITION IS HOLDING UP "BUSINESS" MONARCH

London, Apr. 4.

England's new bachelor king, sitting at a cluttered desk in Buckingham Palace and acowling behind heavy horn-rimmed glasses, is attempting to inject some "big business efficiency" into the few hundred thousand pounds celebration of his Coronation.

The Coronation of King Edward the Eighth, which will be held with all its ancient pomp although it no longer is legally necessary, doesn't come until July next year but the staging plans are well under way.

The Royal Jewellers have been called in to measure the new sovereign's head size with a tape measure in order that Saint Edward's Crown, which can be seen any day for a sixpence at the Tower of London, might be cut down to fit him.

It was discovered that considerable remodelling of the gold and purple crown would be necessary. The new King not only has a smaller head size, but his blond head is rounder than that of his father, King George the Fifth, and he is narrower between the temples.

Maze Of Ritual

But the "reblocking" of the Royal Crown of State with its blaze of jewels surmounted by the "Star of Africa" diamond was only a minor matter in the maze of ancient ritual in which King Edward has found himself entangled.

Most annoying of all to a speed-loving monarch like the new king, who ordered his secretaries to "get along with the job" a half hour after he became ruler, is the Court of Claims.

Dating back almost to the time of the Norman conquest, the court consists of a tribunal of Privy Counsellors and judges presided over by the Lord Chancellor. Under proclamation of the king, issued several weeks ago, they are sitting in judgment of hereditary claims in connection with the state crowning.

Hereditary Rights

Britain's oldest families of title—and a few commoners—claim special hereditary rights at the ceremony. Too often these claims are conflicting ones and gracious little feuds are fought.

At the coronation of the present king's grandfather, Edward the Seventh, the Duke of Newcastle and the Earl of Shrewsbury each claimed the right to provide a silk glove for the King's right hand. It was the raging controversy of the day, with the Duke finally winning out.

The 22-year-old Earl of Shrewsbury might revive the feud again now, but it's unlikely. For the Court of Claims, in ruling against his grandfather, allowed him to carry a white wand as a symbol of his office of Lord High Steward of Ireland.

Wine Taster

Other claims that must be settled include those for the office of "Royal wine taster." It was a noble and courageous job in the old days when someone always was trying to put the king out of the way.

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No Bickering

King Edward VIII has wearily indicated that he's going to have a little bickering about the hereditary claims as is possible and that he may ask his Court of Claims to abolish some of the rituals if the peacocks take it too seriously.

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NOTES OF THE DAY

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gentleman whom he saw walking across the quadrangle. He was informed that it was Dr. Jowett, the famous Master of Balliol.

"Dear me!" he exclaimed in surprise. "What a very old man Lord Balliol must be!"

CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE

According to French foreign trade statistics the value of French imports from Canada is four times that of French exports to Canada. Thus, according to these statistics, the value of imports from Canada in the first nine months of 1935 amounted to \$16,126,000 and their exports to Canada amounted to only \$4,149,000. Canadian foreign trade returns, however, show exports to France in that period amounting to \$5,366,207 and imports to \$4,780,000. While the figures on Canadian imports are in relatively close agreement, those on exports show so large a divergence as to be worthy of special comment. While mistakes of this type cannot be of sufficient importance to detract much from the statement that the great bulk of Canadian foreign trade is with the other parts of the Empire and the United States, it does suggest that Canadian trade with other countries may be of greater importance than is indicated by returns. Wheat shipments, for instance, leave Canada with their papers in order, indicating that the shipment is to go to Great Britain. In mid-ocean, by radio, orders are frequently received which divert the shipment to another country, but in the data readily available to the Canadian statisticians the shipment stands as debited to Great Britain. The re-exports of Great Britain are a second source of error. Great Britain is of sufficient importance as an entrepot so that in the past three years re-exports amounted to 7.2 per cent. of imports; in 1935, re-exports amounted to 10 per cent. of imports. Canadian statistics are likely to

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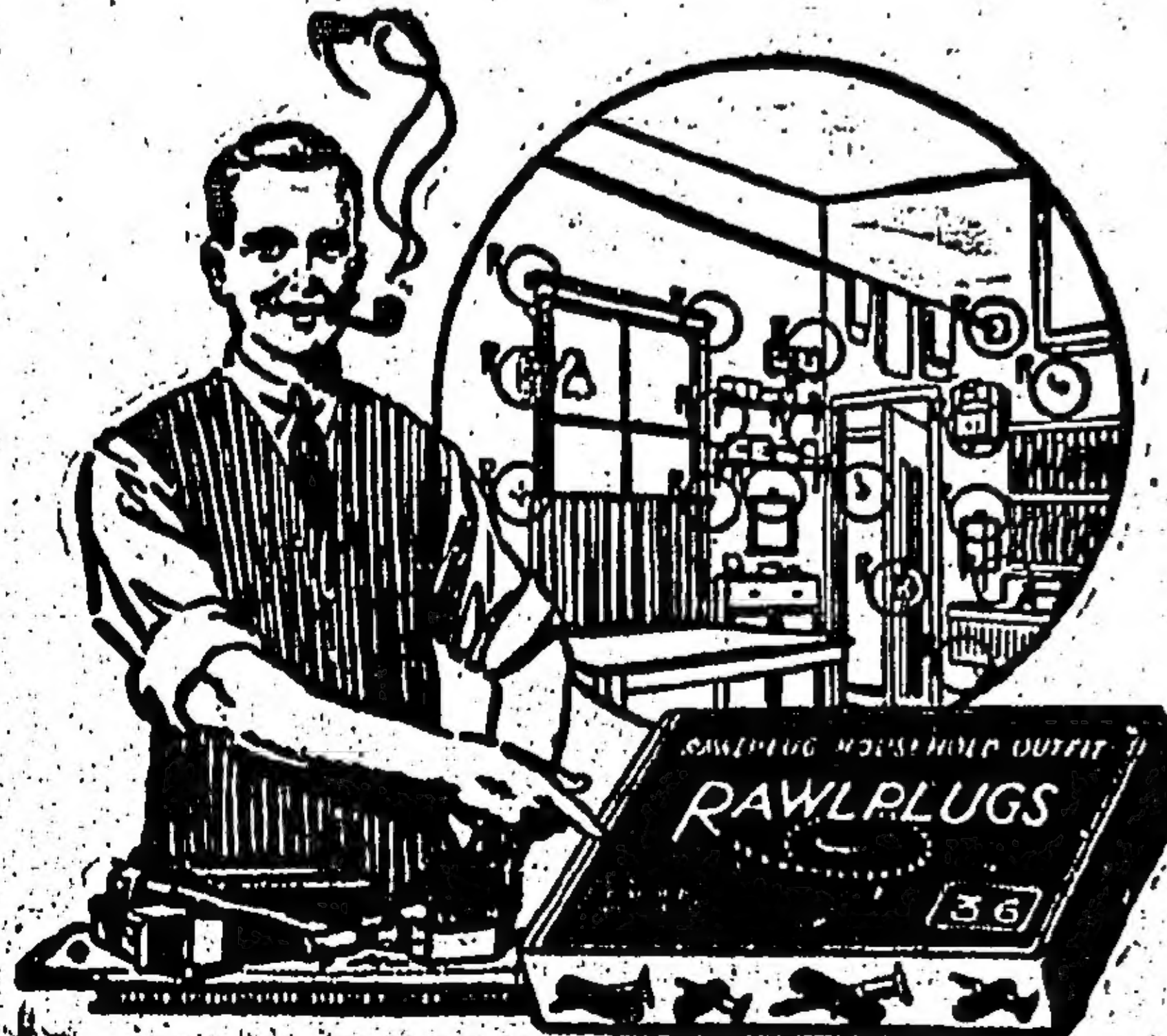
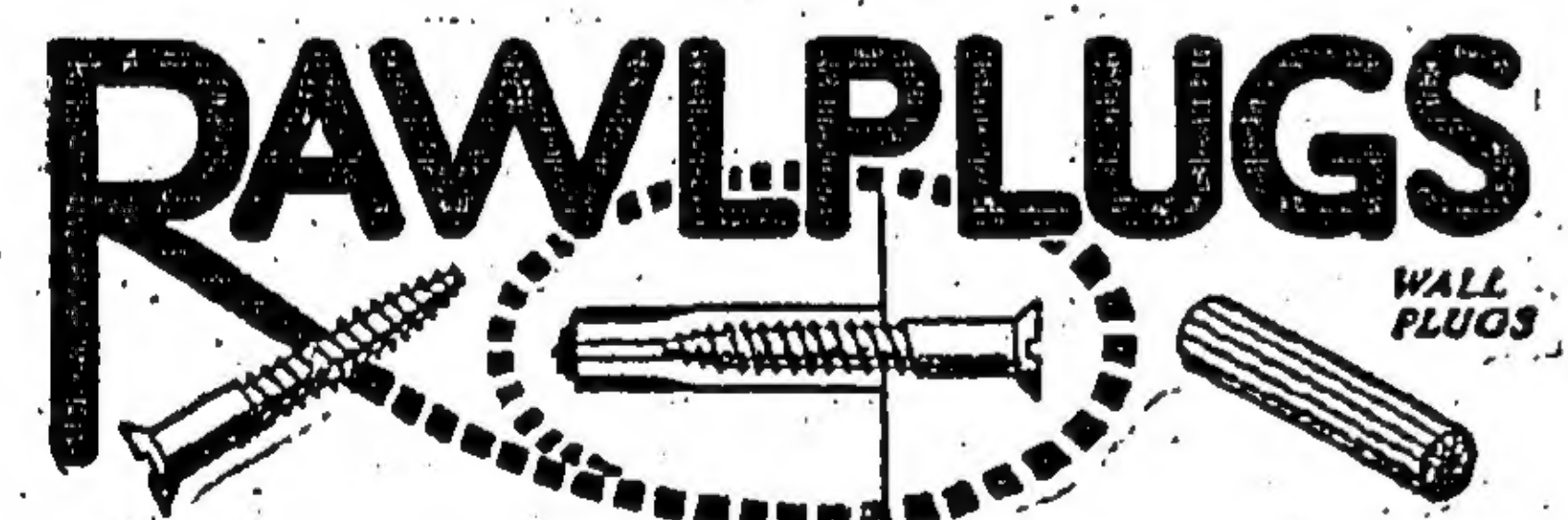
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There are also other causes for discrepancies and complete agreement cannot be achieved. Frequently, for a particular cargo, the month of shipment is not the month of arrival. It is common practice among all nations to add the cost of shipping charges to the value of imports and there is no such addition to the value of exports. Classifications vary in different countries to a degree which makes it impossible to harmonize import figures completely with the corresponding figures for exports. With these complications in view, it is not surprising that trade discussions are difficult when two governments attempt to secure a close balance of trade.



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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 11th day of April to Friday, the 17th day of April, 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1936.

A. D. C. PRODUCTION

LOVER'S LEAP TO BE SHOWN AT CHINA FLEET CLUB

On Wednesday, April 15 at 9.15 p.m. the A.D.C. ring up the curtain at the China Fleet Club Theatre on their last show of the season. In deference to the request of so many of their supporters to "give us something light—something we can laugh at," they have chosen for production Philip Johnson's "Lovers Leap," a piece of sheer frivolity in three acts. The selection of "play" that will prove really amusing presents more difficulties than might be supposed. Good farces are few and far between, and even when found, depend too frequently for success on the facial facetiousness of Leslie Henson or the ingenious imbecility of a Ralph Lynn—in a word, on the highly specialized "business" of professional who have made it their stock-in-trade. The ordinary comedy, on the other hand, is usually constructed strictly to formula, and is a compound of humour and gravity: the laughs are there, but they are interlarded with strokes of philosophy, to be taken more or less seriously. If there is any philosophical conclusion to be drawn from "Lovers Leap" it can only be that there are more bad husbands still in the sea than ever came out of it. And its moral, if any, must be that if you look too long before leaping the matrimonial chain, you may find that the opposite foothold has crumbled away.

"Lovers Leap" is an extremely well balanced comedy of the lightest kind, with no particular part predominating. It should prove in every way a fitting choice—well calculated to provoke much laughter. Performances will take place on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday next, and seats may be obtained at Anderson's—Contributed.

MARINE SURVEYORS APPOINTMENTS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE

It is notified in the Government Gazette that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned officers to be Government Surveyors for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1920, as amended by the Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance, 1935.

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It is notified in the Government Gazette that the Governor in Council has approved the setting apart as a cemetery for Chinese Christians of an area containing 3.5 acres, to be known as the Tao Fong Shan Christian Cemetery. The area is near the Tao Fong monastery at Sha Tin.

CINEMA NOTES

A refreshingly new treatment of the conflict between marriage and career is given in "I Dream Too Much," debut picture of Lily Pons, world famed diva of the Metropolitan Opera Company. The film is now at the Alhambra Theatre. Miss Pons portrays a little French girl whose glorious voice sweeps her to unwanted fame which her young American husband cannot share. The manner in which she escapes the fetters of fame to maintain her ambition of being just a wife and mother is said to be as novel and amusing as it is charged with poignant heart appeal. Youthful Henry Fonda, Hollywood's "man of the hour," is Elsie Finn and David G. White, seen as the husband, Osgood Perkins and Eric Bloro have other principal roles. Miss Pons sings not only operatic arias, but four popular songs composed especially for the picture by Jerome Kern and Dorothy Fields, with the melodies fitting logically into the plot fabric of the human interest story. The petite and lovely diva also displays talents as an actress which equal her superior gift of song. Elsie Finn and David G. White wrote the original story for "I Dream Too Much," which was adapted as a screen play by Edmund North and James Gow. John Cromwell directed the Pandro S. Berman production.

"King of Burlesque" Alice Faye's unorthodox way of learning a new tap dance is called the "lying-down-virtual-method." It is highly successful but a bit annoying to instructors. Miss Faye, who performs three dances, in addition to enacting the feminine romantic lead and singing in "King of Burlesque," which is now showing at the King's Theatre, learns new steps in this extraordinary fashion: She lies on her back and beats out the new tap rhythm on a wooden wall. In this fashion she says, she gets a clear view of what her feet are doing. Dance Director Sammy Lee prefers the "stand-on-your-feet-and-dance-method," but offers no objections as results are perfect. Warner Baxter enacts the leading role of the picture, which reveals the drama and comedy behind the scenes of America's "low-brow" theatre. Sidney Lanfield directed the production for 20th Century-Fox.

"The Milky Way" Harold Lloyd is up to new tricks in "The Milky Way," now thrilling audiences at the Theatre. Sometime during his life every man dreams of doing the wild things that Lloyd does in this comedy. Every woman, too, has hoped that the man of her choice would prove a hero in a crisis when a bully, clever with his duken, starts in on her nagging and ill-natured husband by giving him a dose of his own medicine, which provides some highly amusing and novel situations. Guy Kibbee in the title role, provokes the family discord by his stubborn insistence, that children be brought up in poverty and ignorance just as he himself had been, although he has attained affluence. Others in important roles include Helen Lowell as a comical once-a-week maid, Robert Barrat, Henry O'Hall, Marjorie Gateson, Nellie Walker, Joy Ward and Hale Hamilton.

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INWARD MAILS

Shanghai	Telnybius	April 13.
Straits	Shutan	April 14.
Australia and Manila	Changto	April 14.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways direct Service"—London date, 4th April.	R.M.A. Dorado	April 14.
Calcutta, Straits and Airmail "K.L.M. Service"—Amsterdam 1st April.	Tilawa	April 14.
Java	Tjuegara	April 14.
Manila	Agamannan	April 15.
Manila	Emp. of Russia	April 15.
Europe via Suoz (Letters and Papers) London, 10th March and London, 12th March	Rajputana	April 15.
Japan	Tottori Maru	April 15.
Manila	Helenus	April 15.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	April 16.
Calcutta and Straits	Kutang	April 16.
Saigon	Aramis	April 17.
Japan and Shanghai	General Leo	April 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Naldera	April 17.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 25th March)	Pres. Grant	April 17.
Manila	Pres. Hoover	April 17.
Straits	Conte Verde	April 18.
Straits	Hakodate Maru	April 19.
Straits	Agapenor	April 20.
Manila	Potsdam	April 20.
Shanghai	Menestheus	April 21.
Straits	Van Heutz	April 21.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per Tuesday.	Date and Time
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tjuegara	Tues., 14, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Halder	Tues., Apr. 14, 9.30 p.m.
	Wednesday.	
Foochow via Swatow	Chungking Wed.	Apr. 15, 12.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwaiyang	Wed., Apr. 15, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 15, 1.30 p.m.
	Thursday.	
Shanghai and Japan	Rajputana Thurs.	Apr. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremor	Thurs., Apr. 16, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only) and Europe via Siberia (Duo Vancouver B.C., 4th May).	Emp. of Russia	Thurs., Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Japan	Parcels	Apr. 16, 3 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
	Kitano Maru Thurs.	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
	Friday.	
Letters for "Imperial Airways direct Service" (Duo London, 27th April)	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri., Apr. 17.
	K.P.O.	
Reg.,	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.	Reg., Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Letters,	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.	Letters, Apr. 17, 8.15 a.m.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service" (Duo Darwin, 21st April)	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri., Apr. 17.
	K.P.O.	
Reg.,	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.	Reg., Apr. 16, 5 p.m.
Letters,	Apr. 16, 5 p.m.	Letters, Apr. 17, 8.15 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Aramis	Siberia	Fri., Apr. 17, 1.30 p.m.
	Saturday	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America, Canada and Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Hoover	Sat., Apr. 18.
(Duo San Francisco, 6th May)	Parcels	Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
"Straits and Calcutta"	Reg.	Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
Parcels	Chakang	Sat., Apr. 18.
Shanghai and Japan via Siberia (Duo Amsterdam, 27th April)	Conte Verde Sat.	Apr. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"	Naldera	Sat., Apr. 18.
	K. P. O.	
Reg.,	Apr. 18, 8.30 a.m.	Reg., Apr. 18, 9 a.m.
Letters,	Apr. 18, 9 a.m.	Letters, Apr. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles (Duo Marseilles, 15th May)	Parcels	Sat., Apr. 18.
	Reg.	Apr. 18, 9 a.m.
Manila	Parcels	Apr. 17, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Apr. 18, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Apr. 18, 10.30 a.m.
	Pres. Grant Sat.	Apr. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Holhow	Hal Hing	Sun., Apr. 19, 8.30 a.m.
	Tuesday.	
Batavia	Tjuegara	Tues., Apr. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Changto via Thursday Island	Parcels	Tues., Apr. 21.
(Duo Thursday Island, 2nd May)	Reg.	Apr. 20, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.

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AMERICA TAKES OVER ANOTHER ISLAND: IS IT BRITISH?

San Francisco, Apr. 1.

Naval announcement recently from Washington that the navy had assumed control of Kure, or Ocean Island in the mid-Pacific, indicated a new step in a long range programme of tightening possible Pacific defences, according to interested observers here.

News of naval control of Kure came while pressure was being brought to bear in Congress for strengthening of defences in San Francisco Bay and at Seattle.

No comment accompanied the Washington announcement, but observers felt that the location of Kure, 57 miles from Midway—now a trans-Pacific airway landing harbour as well as a cable station—indicated that the tiny islet had been chosen as a possible link in America's strategic triangle of Pacific defence.

Kure is the first addition to the islands controlled by the navy in these particular waters since jurisdiction over Midway was established in 1903, although there has been interest evidenced in islands farther south in the Pacific.

Kure is 5,000 miles from the next land westward. It is approximately 1350 miles from Honolulu. Development of aviation, observers said, apparently has heightened naval interest in islets hitherto considered too small for adequate naval bases.

Kure has been United States territory ever since the Hawaiian archipelago, of which it is a part, joined the nation in 1898. Since then, visited only by scientists and by government vessels patrolling the bird reservation, it has been a forgotten land, inhabited only by thousands of sea birds and the marine life that swims in its lagoon or creeps along its low shores.

Kure is a coral island—a roughly circular atoll about 15 miles in circumference, enclosing, according to one authority two, and another description four, small sandy islets. The rim is broken for a mile or more on the western side, but the lagoon is shallow to admit the entrance of navigating ships.

Over the low coral rim a curving line of white breakers beats, forming a snowy girdle about the low islets that lie protected within. These islets are almost barren. Wind has whipped their sand into dunes ten feet or more high, and in places the hardy sea-cave shrub has dug its roots into the unpromising soil and spread a thick mantle of dark green, studded with small white semicircular flowers. A few other low or creeping plants relieve the glare of sand.

A recent supply of brackish water may be had by digging on the islets. The atoll derives its name from Captain Kure, a Russian navigator who is supposed to have discovered it in 1785. Col. J. H. Boyd, special Hawaiian commissioner, visited it and took possession of it for the then Hawaiian kingdom. He named it Moku Papa, which means simply, flat coral island. After the Hawaiian revolution of 1893 it was leased to a fertilizer company as a guano island for 25 years.

In 1909 Kure, together with other northwestern islands, was made a government bird reservation, under jurisdiction of the Territory of Hawaii and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The protected lagoon indicated to observers here that the naval department might be considering it for a future landing base for naval airships.

A whole chain of small islands and reefs extends northward from the main Hawaiian group to Kure, more than a thousand miles from Honolulu. Several of these have been used recently by naval airplanes from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, which have alighted within such enclosed lagoons as those of Pearl and Hermes Reef and French Frigate Shoal. Indications were that possibly some of these also would eventually come under naval jurisdiction.

Divorce Reforms In Reich

Proposals for the reform of German divorce laws, which were recently worked out by a special committee of the Academy of German Law, start from the thesis that any alterations must be based upon National Socialist conceptions of the primary claims of the community before those of the individual.

Hence, it is emphasized, the state has no interest in helping to prolong a union which has ceased to form a moral basis for communal life or which endangers the biological and cultural existence of the nation. Divorce should therefore be permitted when the hope of a continuance of normal union has ceased to exist. This difficult issue must be decided by the judge ("Ehrlicher"), and in distinction with or without children, since constant quarrels and discords can only harm the children who must be unwilling witnesses of them.

State Can Move
An important innovation now proposed is the granting of the Public Prosecutor of the right to present to the courts an application for divorce, even without consulting the parties themselves, in such cases where it can be shown that the marriage lacked "moral content"—by which is meant marriages carried through for immoral or criminal purposes, or where the contracting parties, under the protection of the legal form, carry on Communist propaganda.

The report lays it down also that its proposals are not to be interpreted as meaning that it wishes to facilitate divorce, but that the time has come when the question should be settled as to whether unions which have been shattered beyond repair and have lost their inner value should be continued artificially by the state.

Community to Benefit
If these new German divorce law proposals based upon National Socialist ideology, become law, a great increase in the number of divorces is foreshadowed. But such an eventuality, according to Dr. Mossmar, chairman of the committee which formulated the proposals, is to be regarded as an advantage rather than as a disadvantage with the interests of the community benefiting, since

Royal Exile Takes His Life

Malaga, Spain, Apr. 1.
A 29-YEAR-OLD kinsman of the Yugoslavian royal family, Radivoj Karageorgievitch, was found dying on Marine Parade here to-day.

A petition found in his pockets and directed to the Yugoslavian Royal House, asked that rights and economic benefits to which he was entitled should be restored to him in spite of his forced exile from Belgrade.

A small bottle of poison was also found on him.

Karageorgievitch earned 6s. a day for photographic work. He was called nine years ago and first went to French Morocco. Later he went to Gibraltar, accompanied by an Englishwoman. On the voyage he was robbed of all his savings—£40.

He told friends that the reason for his exile was a secret, and that he was entitled to large estates in his native land.

The King of Yugoslavia is the 12-year-old Prince Peter, son of King Alexander, who was assassinated at Marseille in October 1934.

Prince Paul, the Regent, is a brother of the late King and a brother-in-law of the Duchess of Kent.

FOR HUMANITY

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE NEEDS HELP

Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E., the annual dinner dance in aid of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade will be held on Friday, April 24, at the Hongkong Hotel.

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, C.M.G., has kindly consented to be the President.

An excellent cabaret show is being arranged and all are assured of a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Tickets are \$5, including dinner, and may be purchased at the Hotel, or from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Langley, and members of the Committee.

In addition to an evening's enjoyment, patrons will have the satisfaction of having contributed to the work of the Venerable Order of St. John in Hongkong, "for the sake of humanity."

The financial depression has repercussions everywhere, and the local organization is finding it increasingly difficult to meet the claims upon its services. The work of alleviating the sick poor in the New Territories has increased by leaps and bounds. Children suffering from tuberculosis of the spine, hip, or joint, are being admitted from Hongkong to the St. John Hospital at Chung Chau, and so satisfactory have been the results of the sea air and sun baths that the Association has been approached to take in more cases; but at the present it is financially impossible to do so, and the Association must regretfully turn away, for the time being, other little miles who are in desperate need of treatment. It is hoped that if funds are forthcoming some of these little ones may be denied admission.

only such persons will seek divorce whose marriages are already destroyed from the ideal standpoint. Any increase in the number of divorces will also only be temporary, it is assumed, because the Government's other measures for preventing marriages, which are doomed from the beginning, should tend to reduce their number in future.

The new proposals provide for special divorce courts, with judges selected according to their age, experience in marriage and family life, and their reliability as true National Socialists.

CLERGY'S LOSS OF £345,000 YEARLY

Queen Anne's Bounty On Tithe Report

"GRAVE CONCERN"

Outspoken criticism of the Tithe Commission Report and the Government proposals is contained in a statement issued last month on behalf of Queen Anne's Bounty. The statement, drawn up by the Tithe Committee, expresses "grave concern" at the reduction of income involved in the Government scheme. The Committee, however, are in favour of the general principle of the extinguishment of tithe.

The loss to beneficed clergy, it is stated, will amount to over £345,000 yearly out of an aggregate net tithe income of approximately £1,870,000.

"Including all tithe rent charge applicable to Church purposes," the statement continues, "the scheme involves the expropriation for the benefit of landowners and without adequate compensation of over 19 per cent. of the Church's net tithe income."

REDEMPTION ANNUITY

Sharp criticism is directed at the Commission's Report on the score of its failure to accord just treatment to the incumbents who will be affected. The redemption annuity of £91 11s. 2d. payable by the landowners is contrasted with the £94 now received. The further deduction of £5 "for what is called 'improvement of security'" appears to be indefensible. Until 1932, it is stated, the actual total tithe losses did not exceed 7s. 6d. per £100.

In particular, the Committee is dissatisfied with the compensation proposals. Compensation for the losses of incumbents of livings not exceeding £500 in value would exhaust the £2,000,000 fund suggested by the Government on a 3 per cent. basis (capital and interest) in about 13 years.

The final conclusion of the Committee is as follows: "If the scheme were abandoned, the harm which is being done to the Church's spiritual work by tithe agitation would continue and might be aggravated." Accordingly, they commend "the main principle of the scheme—namely, extinguishment of the tithe—in the earnest hope that means may be found for making the terms less severe to the Church."

HONGKONG MARU

RECEPTION HELD ABOARD NEW O.S.K. SHIP

A reception was held aboard the O.S.K. Line ship Hongkong Maru on Saturday afternoon in honour of the ship's maiden voyage to Hongkong.

The Hongkong Maru arrived here on Thursday last on her first trip from Keelung and sailed last night for that port via Amoy and Swatow. There was a large number of guests at the reception held on the ship at her berth at the new O.S.K. wharf on Connaught Road. All the members of the O.S.K. staff were present and aided in entertaining the guests and showing them the new ship.

Among the 500 guests were: K. Midsusawa (Consul-General of Japan), K. Ishizuka (Vice-Consul), G. Kishinami (Manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank), K. Manda (Manager of the M.S.K.), O. Fujimura (Manager of the N.Y.K. Line), and representatives of the many shippers and consignees by the O.S.K. Line, besides many friends and well wishers of the line.

The proposed trip round the island which was to take place during the afternoon was cancelled owing to the state of the weather and the rough and foggy conditions outside the harbour.

40 COLOURS IN DINNER SUIT

AND A NEW IDEA FOR GOLFERS

Toronto, Apr. 1.

The convention of the National Association of Merchant Tailors and Designers held here discussed colour in men's clothes. Raymone G. Twyeffort, of New York, in his forecast of 1936 male fashions, said that there will be forty shades of colour for men's dinner suits, including wine, maroon, green, twilight blue, and evening blue; with coloured silk facings to match the silk lining.

He stated that evening capes of black and royal blue, lined with coloured silk in red, blue, purple, and white, will be the vogue.

King Edward's tailor sent to the convention, for exhibition, a dog-tooth check golf suit, to be worn with a bright blue shirt and tie.

The first social gathering of the Hongkong Singers is to take the form of an informal concert, to be held in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on April 22, at 9.15 p.m. There are to be vocal, choral and instrumental items, and tickets, at the modest charge of \$1 each, will include light refreshments. Members are allowed to bring one friend each. An excellent programme has been arranged.

NEW MAGISTRACY

OPENING TO-MORROW

To-morrow will be a red-letter day in the annals of the development of the mainland, for it will see the opening of the new Kowloon Magistracy in Gascoigne Road, which has been formally proclaimed as a Court in the Government Gazette.

The opening of the new building, which provides for two Court rooms on the first floor and a Juvenile Court on the ground floor, will meet a long-felt need, the old Court building in Shanghai Street near the Yaumati Market being now totally inadequate and unsuitable.

The ground floor of the new Magistracy will be used mainly for record and clerical purposes, with provision for cells.

The Court on the east side of the building will be known as the First Court and that on the west side as the Second Court.

On the second floor there are two flats as quarters.

The building is in classic style, the lines of the facade being obtained by the use of colonnades.

The main approach to the Magistracy is from Gascoigne Road, but a new approach road, leading from Gascoigne Road to the rear of the building, is in the course of construction.

Magistracy History

The official opening of the old Kowloon Magistracy in what had been the Yaumati Police Station, took place on April 14, 1924, exactly twelve years ago to-morrow.

When Mr. E. W. Hamilton (now Superintendent of Imports and Exports) took his seat on the Bench for the first session, he was accompanied by the late Sir Claud Severn, C.M.G., then Colonial Secretary. Among those also in Court were Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, former D. S. P. (Kowloon), Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, Mr. W. G. Fitz Gibbon (1st Clerk to the Kowloon Magistracy), Inspectors Lannigan, T. Murphy (now A. S. P.), Angus, Ogg and other police officials.

Mr. Wodehouse, on behalf of the police, welcomed Mr. Hamilton there as Magistrate.

The Magistrate, in reply, said he trusted that the establishment of the Court would result in the more convenient dispatch of justice on that side of the harbour and would save his friends the police, with whom he always had great pleasure in co-operating, a good deal of labour in crossing to their former seats of justice.

The first case was one in which a Chinese was summoned for causing an obstruction. He pleaded guilty.

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The Colonial Secretary then left, and the other cases of the day were proceeded with.

Work Increases

Since 1924, with the growth of the Peninsula more and more work has been thrust on the Kowloon Magistrate, who has had to accomplish alone what two Magistrates have to do in Hongkong.

In the summer of 1934, Mr. J. H. B. Lee, was appointed to relieve the burden of Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones; but as there was only one Court-room this step did not assist much.

In September of that year, another

BRITAIN'S STAND

ITALIAN CHARGES LUDICROUS

London, April 11.
There is no surprise in London at the wildly irresponsible accusations printed by Signor Gayda in the *Giornale D'Italia* regarding the supply of poison gas to Abyssinians from British sources. Experience of Italian press attacks on Great Britain during the past year had prepared opinion for this latest and most ludicrous example.

Explanation of reported gas casualties among Abyssinians by the suggestion that they were the result of inept attempts by Abyssinians to use against Italians chemicals supplied by named subsidiaries of the British firm of Imperial Chemical Industries—read curiously in conjunction with the fact to which the British Foreign Secretary drew attention at a meeting of the Committee of Thirteen, that the Italian Government has declared 250 tons of poison gas in transit through the Suez Canal.

Imperial Chemical Industries has considered it desirable, however, to state that allegations concerning supplying of poison gas to Abyssinians are false in all respects so far as it is concerned.

It is understood the companies named by Gayda either do not exist or are unconnected with Imperial Industries. The Board of Trade has also denied action attributed to it by Gayda.—*British Wireless*.

MENTAL HOSPITALS

CONSOLIDATION OF THE HONGKONG LAW

The Government Gazette contains the draft of a Bill introduced in the Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the establishment of asylums for the detention, custody and care of persons of unsound mind, and others.

It is explained that this Ordinance consolidates the law relating to asylums and the detention, custody and care of persons of unsound mind, and others, as contained in the Asylums Ordinance, No. 6 of 1906, and two amending Ordinances, No. 11 of 1927 and No. 1 of 1935, repealed by this Ordinance.

Section 15 (2) of Ordinance No. 6 of 1906, as enacted by section 2 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1935 is amended by the deletion of the words "or likely to become of unsound mind" and the addition of a proviso to that subsection.

This amendment, which is incorporated in section 15 (2) of this Ordinance, is made on the instructions of the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his despatch No. 205 of 20th May, 1935, to the Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.

A Table of Correspondence is attached showing the nature of the consolidation and the amendments.

Court-house, a temporary wooden building, was erected and has been in service ever since.

The old Magistracy building was the former Yaumati Police Station until the erection of the new Yaumati Police Station at the junction of Canton Road and Public Square Street in 1923.

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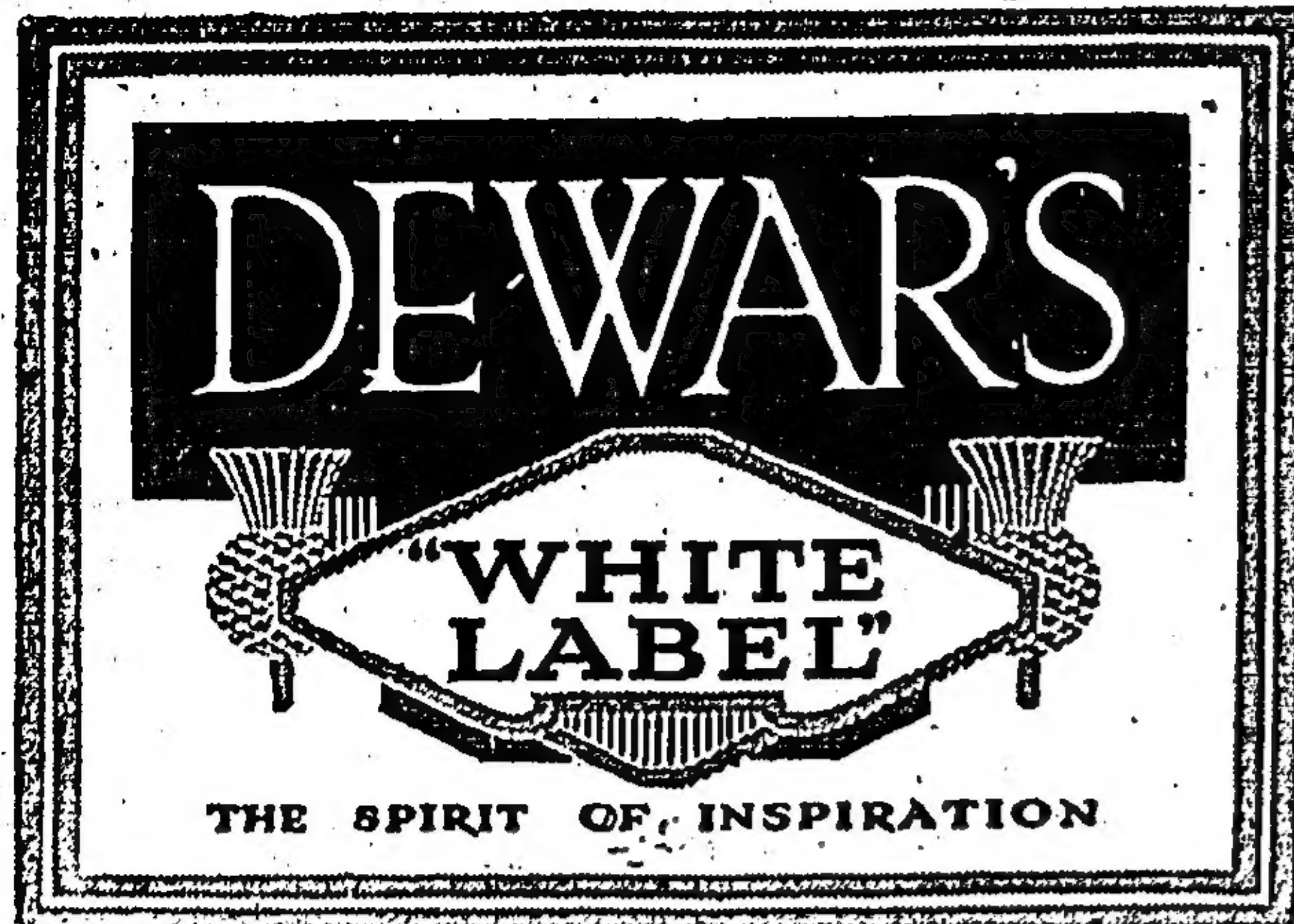
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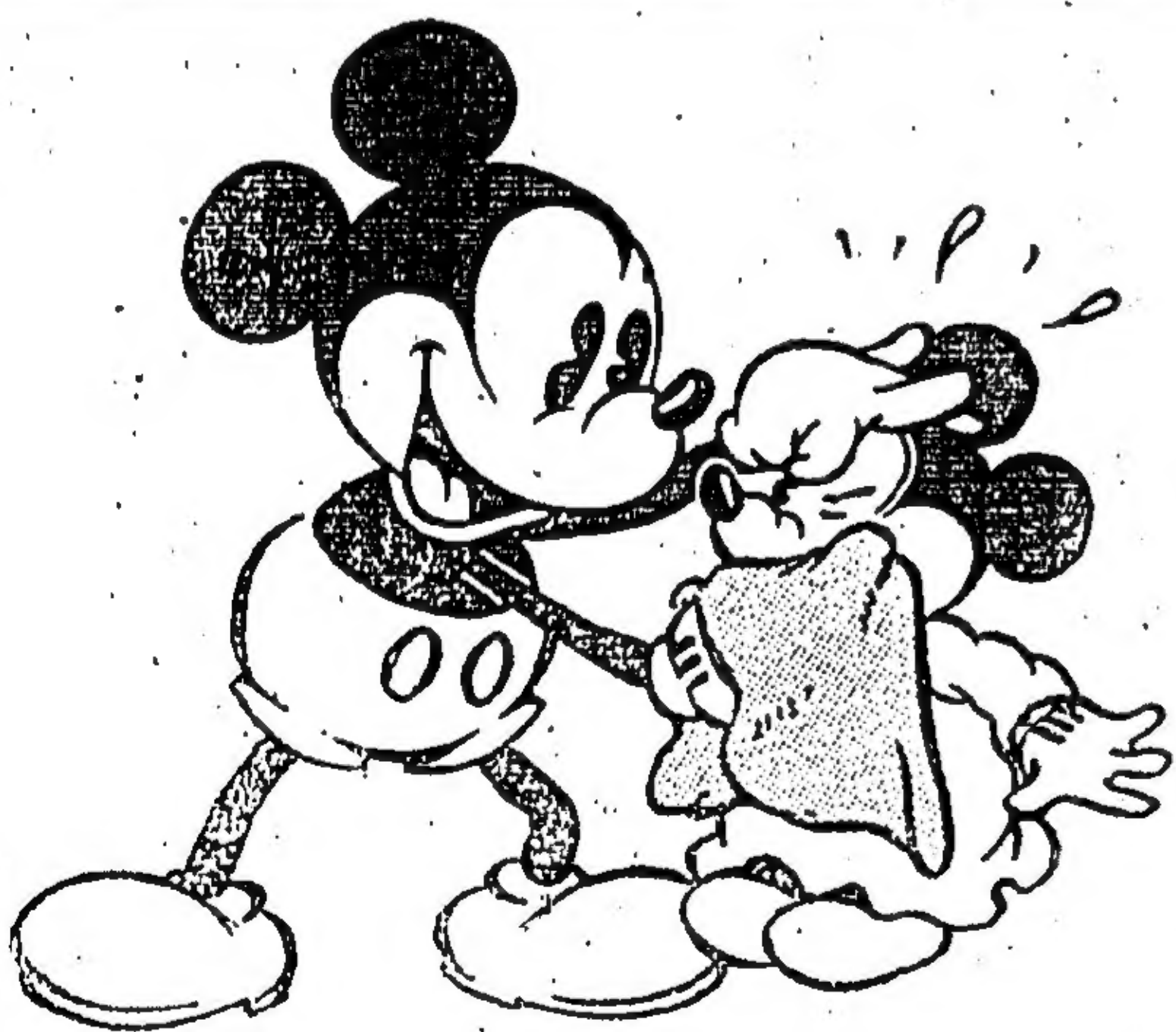
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CABINET MINISTERS' SALARIES

Anomalies in the salaries paid to Ministers are likely to cause the introduction of legislation dealing with the subject in the near future. It has long been felt that the matter should receive attention, but every Government in recent years has hesitated to take action on its own accord. Within the past fifteen years, the question has been reported on by two Select Committees, both of which recognised the existence of anomalies. In 1920, it was suggested that there should be five classes of Ministers, with salaries of £5,000, £3,000, £2,000, £1,500 and £1,000, with the Prime Minister receiving £8,000. Ten years later, the second committee recommended £7,000 for the Premier. There is general agreement that the Prime Minister should not be on the same level as other Cabinet Ministers. Apart from the Lord Chancellor, the highest Cabinet salary is £5,000. That is the sum paid, among others, to the Premier and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Both, however, have official residences which are domestically inconvenient and costly to maintain. The First Lord of the Admiralty also has a residence, but because of this his salary is fixed at £4,500. The lowest salary paid to members of the present Cabinet is £2,000. Yet the Postmaster General, for example, who is not in the Cabinet, gets £2,500. The anomalies extend all through the ranks. There are Government Whips receiving £1,000 as Lords of the Treasury who are junior to other Whips holding Royal Household appointments and getting only £700. Incidentally, there are no pensions for ex-Cabinet Ministers unless they apply and satisfy a "needs test." That the scale of salaries for men with high responsibilities is by no means high will be evident when it is pointed out that most of the Cabinet Ministers' salaries are decidedly lower than that of Governors of the Crown Colonies, such as Hongkong, with the added advantage to the latter that they all get pensions on retirement. One of the Labour M.P.s, we observe, has suggested optional pensions for Members of Parliament who have served for fifteen or twenty years and have reached the age of 60 or 65. It is argued that the M.P.'s salary of £400 per annum is so small that little or no provision can be made for the time when he ceases to be a member, and that as there are pensions for civil servants, teachers, police and municipal officers, why not for M.P.s? Nobody has, however, yet suggested that Legislative Councilors of the Crown Colonies should be pensioned on retirement!

"WHEN War is declared, Truth is the first casualty." This famous pacifist phrase, unfortunately, is highly inaccurate. If Truth were not almost a permanent casualty, no war would ever be declared. So far, we have only the League of Nations with open discussion, and the likelihood of getting at the truth; and Nationalism, with secret diplomacy, and the dead certainty of getting one lie after another.

These lies eventually confuse and frighten everyone so much, most of all those who told them, that someone declares war. Whereupon lying, from being the nice, quiet game of the embassies, becomes the constant and fervid occupation of whole people.

Lord Ponsonby, in his admirable book on war lies, gives the following list of persons and departments as having been necessary to keep the home fires burning in this country during the last war. "Bavarders, letter-openers, decipherers, telephone-tappers, spies, an intercept department, a forgery department, a criminal investigation department, a propaganda department, an intelligence department, a censorship department, a ministry of information, and a Press bureau, etc."

All these organisations were engaged in suppressing or falsifying news, and in preventing people thinking for themselves, because one of the quickest ways, naturally, of stopping a war is to allow the public to think, or read, the truth.

NOTES OF THE DAY

STATUES OF THE SHAH

The Shah of Persia has ordered three statues of himself, one of which will be erected in Teheran. Oriental monarchs prefer to be immortalised in sculpture rather than in painting, since they are unable to see the difference between a portrait and an enlarged photograph and cannot understand why it should cost so much more. Hence you will find European statues in the East in the most remote and improbable places. One of the most unexpected is Nepal, the independent kingdom in the Himalayas, where there are a number of equestrian statues of previous Maharajas in Katmandu, the capital. Their transport over the Himalayas was a remarkable feat of strength, since no wheeled traffic can enter the country. It takes 160 men, in two shifts, to carry a motorcar up to Katmandu, and a cast-iron equestrian statue weighs considerably more.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The usual custom is for precedence at international gatherings to be alphabetic. Since the language used is French, this usually puts Germany first, as, for instance, in signing the Locarno Treaty. At one of the first international gatherings to which Germany was admitted after the war, a Transit and Communications Conference held at Barcelona, Germany's alphabetic pre-eminence was represented by the French delegation. The delegates were to file into the inaugural session in alphabetic order. To prevent Germany being first the French delegates were prepared then and there to forgo the claims of French to be the diplomatic language in favour of English, which, by altering "Allemagne" to "Germany," would have put her well down on the list.

BALLIOL MAKES AMENDS

The situation was saved when an hitherto unnoticed Albanian delegate pushed forward and announced his presence. Balliol, the ugliest college in Oxford, is redeeming the disastrous errors in taste of its previous generations. In the last two years Mr. Gilbert Spencer, locked in day by day so that he should be undisturbed, has been painting murals in Holywell Manor (now an annexe of the college), illustrating the history of its foundation by John of Balliol. The Master has just celebrated their completion with a luncheon.

TWO KINDS OF MASTERS

Balliol is one of the three colleges which has a Master, as opposed to a Warden, Principal, President, Rector or Provost.

The title has been known to cause confusion with that adopted by the sons of Scottish peers. A visitor to the college once asked the identity of a white-headed old

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TRUTH IS THE FIRST CASUALTY

AT the beginning of the last war, when there was plenty of enthusiasm, the authorities harped discreetly on Belgium, and Germany's sole war guilt. Later, when people began to feel, in an uneasy sort of way, that they'd had enough, they branched into quite straight-forward fabrications about anything they could think of, such as atrocities, that might make the war appear still necessary.

At the end, in 1918, when almost everyone longed to stop, they encouraged the public with descriptions of the post-war Utopia that the authorities must be given time to arrange. The chief war-cry of present-day Europe, of course, is the Versailles Treaty.

No better example of the kind of dishonesty that causes wars is to be found than in certain statements concerning foreign

eventually confirmed the story as a fabrication in 1926, and the man mainly responsible turned out to be a certain Brigadier-General, once head of the English Intelligence Service in France.

ORIGINALLY it was propaganda intended chiefly for the benefit of Oriental nations, who have religious objections to the desecration of the dead. What objections the bereaved wives and mothers of this country might have had, the Government preferred to ignore.

As a final instance, no atrocity story was more generally believed than that about the Belgium babies whose hands were chopped off. It appeared in every paper, and questions were asked in Parliament, to be encouraged, negatively, as usual. Every war artist did cartoons of it. The world seethed with it. A great many people still believe it.

Yet Signor Nitti, Prime Minister of Italy during the war, thus recorded in his diary that a rich American who instituted inquiries for mutilated Belgian children after the war, with the object of providing for them, could not discover a single one. He added that Lloyd George and himself carried on extensive investigations of individual cases, and that each case of supposed outrage proved imaginary.

As regards atrocity stories in general, the testimony of five of the most eminent journalists in America, who accompanied the German Army through Belgium, may be of interest. In protest, brought forth by the first flood of those lies which were so needlessly to prolong the war, began with these words:

"To let the truth be known, we unanimously declare the stories of German cruelties, from what we have been able to observe, were untrue."

To conclude, all national propaganda must reckon, in future, with the B.B.C. In the event of another war, nothing will compare with it in influence.

How, one asks oneself, will that influence be used?

By JAN WARD

THIS order was supposed to have been given at Aix-la-Chapelle, on August 19, and was "reprinted" in the B.E.F. Routine Orders. The German High Command never was at Aix, and the only order by the Kaiser which the combined efforts of an English and a German general could succeed in unearthing in 1925 was of August 20. It said: "Disembarkation of English at Boulogne must be reckoned being to keep the Channel ports in French, or weak, hands."

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The Government policy that were made in Parliament between 1911 and 1914. Time after time, Asquith and Grey categorically denied that we had military commitments with the French, in the event of their being attacked. During all those years the English and French general staffs, working as one, knew that we had. It was this secret pact, of course, that brought us into the war, one of the cardinal points of English foreign policy being to keep the Channel ports in French, or weak, hands.

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Abolish Snobbery in Sport

IN common with thousands of other sportsmen I have always protested against the snobbish treatment meted out to those who play games for money.

What is the difference between a person gaining a livelihood from being an expert at games, and the amateur who commercialises his gifts in some other career but also plays games for the love of sport?

Both literally love sport—the professional is so talented that he or she plays games with an equal affection but follows another profession, market, or commercialise, our natural probably more consistent with their particular ability and temperament, for a living. Both are sportsmen or sportswomen, yet even in those enlightened democratic days there are still those who deliberately slate and slur the professional and place the amateur on a higher pedestal of sportsmanship.

Let us face the facts of the case. Money must be the objective of our energies to secure our existence. The coin of the realm is our only means of exchange for procuring food, clothes, education, pleasure and sports. To gain this money we must work, or commercialise, our natural gifts, or our desires to work, in any way we wish. A person possessed of outstanding talent in sport should be allowed to market it without loss of personal prestige or status, equally with those marketing their legal knowledge, dentistry, as a company promoting, or a titled name for a sleeping directorship.

Sport, like politics, law, medicine, and the Services, now offers youth careers. The watching of sporting events to-day has become one of the nation's big businesses, employing hundreds of thousands.

It is high time that all this stupid talk, and rather despicable actions regarding the amateur and professional sportsmen ended. We should have no place to-day for such meanness and snobbery.

We hear a lot of loose talk about amateur and professional tennis players. When a tennis champion thinks of commercialising his or her gift, there is a chorus of pitying squeals about the game suffering, and money temptations.

Such ill-considered comments are a pretty low estimate of true sportsmanship, and especially the aftermath when the amateur turns professional and the so-called sporting devotees of the game show up in their true worth by socially ostracising the player who has decided to make a career of his genius at the game.

Tennis, especially, has become one of the most popular and best-played games in the country since the War, and it is the professional coach and player who has been responsible for the present high standard of play, not the sneering amateur.

The way some amateur cricketers behave is ludicrous. The idea of home playing in the same team not taking the field by the same door is contemptible. Why, county cricket should not exist without the professionals.

Is Jack Hobbs, one of the finest players of the game, and a great artist with the bat, any less a gentleman because he is a professional? Or Bradman, Mead, Hirst, and a host of other great cricketers who have made cricket famous and who are now coaches, teaching our sons how to play the game at schools?

Let the snobbish amateur, and those who behave towards professionals as if they were less gentlemen and gentleness because they accept payment for their talented playing of games, reconsider their position in the enlightened democratic days in which we live. Politics is now professional, and the Ministers who govern us are paid for their services. Religion pays its parsons, pretty poorly, I will admit, but nevertheless they are professionals. Who are the public sports idols of the crowd to-day? Not the amateurs!

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark



"How can you say that, officer? Dorothy is a much better driver than most girls her age."

BRITAIN TO HAVE AIR MAIL STAMP

Proposal that will Develop the Flying Post

The Bookself.

CHINA IS FAVOURITE THEME OF AUTHORS

REDS: ECONOMICS

IN "China's Millions," (Messrs. Victor Gollancz, Ltd., London; 15s. net), Anna Louise Strong tells her experiences in China during the Revolution and reaction of 1927, and, in an epilogue, brings the story up to 1935. The author was actually in China for only a few months, and she spent the greater part of that time amongst revolutionary leaders and organisations. Accordingly, the book is permeated with sympathy for the extreme elements. Part I of the volume treats of the transformation of the revolutionary government of Wuhan into a reactionary military dictatorship; Part II tells of the trek of the retreating advisers across North China, while Part III deals with the rise of the Chinese Red districts.

By far the most interesting section of the book is that which tells in detail of the journey of the deposed Russian advisers, headed by M. Borodin, the author's friend, one of the party accompanying them. In particular, the description of conditions in Mongolia is most engrossing. Here we have some excellent descriptive writing from a first-hand source. The book is one of the best of the kind, and the statement of the facts, even the movements of foreign warships to trouble areas, for the obvious purpose of ensuring protection for foreign lives and property, are interpreted as backing for the Chinese reactionaries. The book is described as the financial of Chinese internal slaughter and as "the strongest and greatest Imperialist in the world." One's reactions, after reading the book, are that it is a masterpiece of propaganda, and it has been confined to a narrative of the experiences of the author, intensely interesting as they are, it would deserve a high place amongst the literature dealing with this particular period of Chinese history.

ANOTHER BOOK ON CHINA. Another book on China, from a totally different angle, is "Key Economic Areas in Chinese History," as revealed in the development of Public Works for Water Control, by Ching-chi Chi, Ph. D. (Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London; 8s. 6d. net). The author, who is one of China's most promising students of economics, offers the conception of the dynamics of Key Economic Areas as an aid to the understanding of Chinese economic history. By tracing the development of the Key Economic Area through a historical study of the construction of irrigation and flood-control works, and transport canals, the book aims to show the function of such areas as an instrument of control of subordinate areas and as a weapon of political struggle, to indicate how it shifts to reveal its dynamic relation to the problem of unity and division in Chinese history, and to give, on the basis of this approach, a concrete historical-descriptive analysis of one phase of the economic development of China.

The conclusion is reached that the geographical outline of the new regional situation still coincides roughly with the old divisions, marked chiefly by topographical conditions, but the economic basis and meaning of the new regionalisation are entirely different from the old. The book reveals the author as a serious student of an important question and bears ample evidence of painstaking research.

THE BEGGARS' BROTHERHOOD.

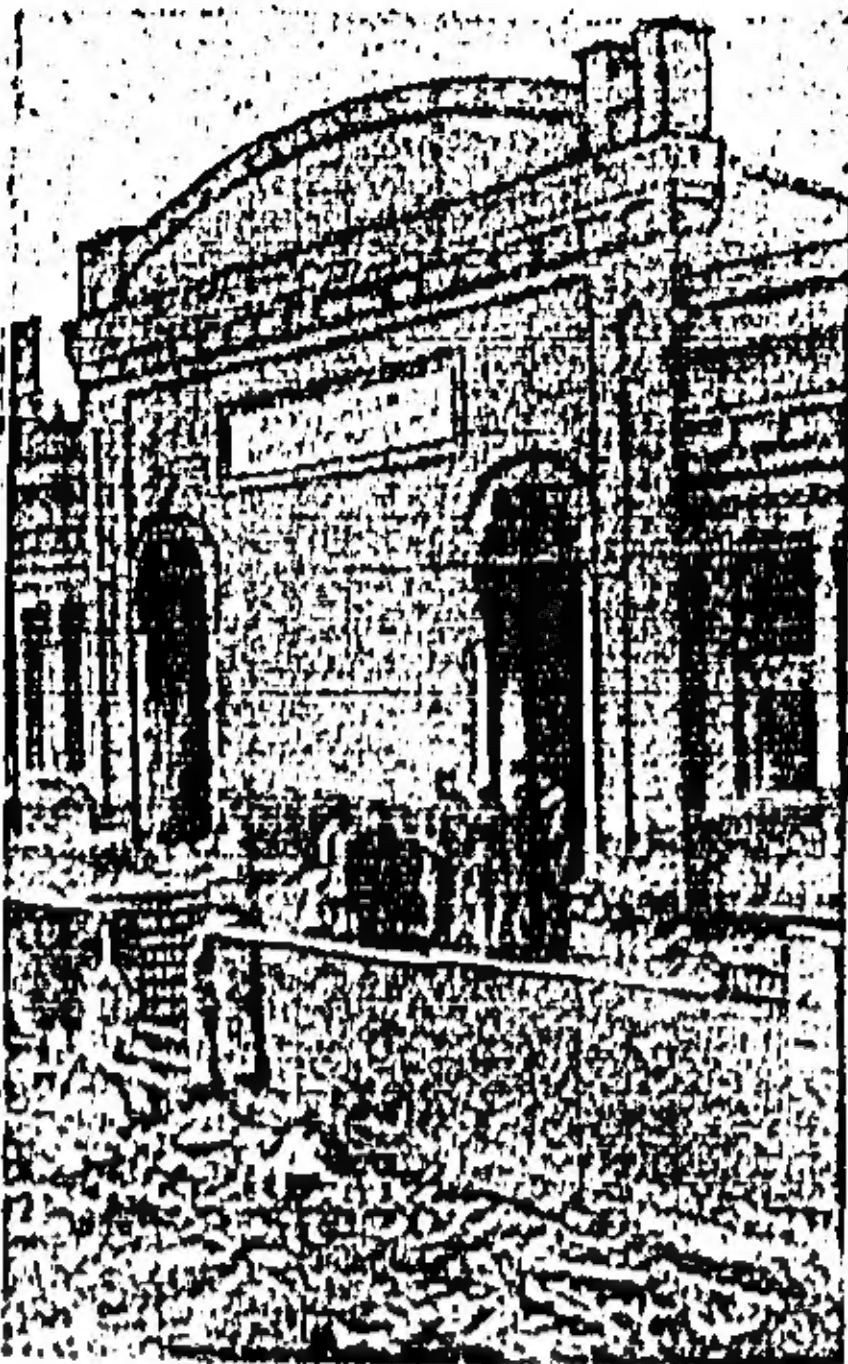
In "The Beggars' Brotherhood," (Messrs. George Allen and Unwin, Ltd., London; 10s. 6d. net), Ronald Fuller traces the growth and decline of these twin brotherhoods of beggars and knaves which occupied the alarmed attention of Englishmen from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century. He scrutinises the unsavoury details of the lives and customs of these rogues and illustrates by contemporary quotations their various methods of prey on the innocent and the unwary. The second part of the book deals with the disappearance of the brotherhood of beggars and the coming of the Highwaymen, the Body-Snatchers and the organised gangs of ruffians controlled by Jonathan Wild. The volume contains a notable gallery of villains, enlivened here and there with snatches of genial balladry, and it is freely illustrated from old prints. A most engrossing book.

IF MISS DIETRICH WALKS OUT—

MERLE OBERON WILL STAR IN NEW FILM

Hollywood, April 4. If Miss Dietrich walks out of "I Loved a Soldier," Miss Merle Oberon is expected to take her place. Miss Dietrich has a contract with Paramount for another picture which she will make here, probably this autumn, returning to Hollywood after completing her film for Mr. Korda.

RED RIOTS IN SPAIN



Ruins of Church fired by rioting Communists during recent disturbance in Spain, which culminated in resignation of President Zamora.

SCHOOL A "TORTURE HOUSE"

SCHOOLBOY HUNG HIMSELF

"HE called the school a torture house and hated it," said Edith Parsons at the Burwood Coroner's Court (Sydney) last month when the Parramatta District Coroner (Mr. H. Richardson Clark) held an inquest into the death of her son, Harold James Parsons, 14, of Coventry-street, Homebush, who hanged himself at Flemington.

George Brown, unemployed seaman, said he was carrying his away on March 5. He had slept in a shed near the Flemington racecourse, and had gone to get breakfast. When he returned to the shed at 8.45 a.m., he saw a boy, apparently standing behind a door, and peering through a crack. Witness asked the boy where he could get water, but received no reply.

Witness then saw that the lad had a thin cord round his neck, the ends being fastened to a pullock high up on the door. The boy apparently was dead.

Sergeant Alfred Luxton Burgess said that the boy had used a thin wireless cord to hang himself, looping it into a running noose. At the school witness learned that, though the boy had been absent several days, he was a well-behaved, reserved, determined lad. He was difficult to understand at times, but always particularly friendly towards his teachers.

Fretted For Friend. Albert Edward Parsons, foreman at the State Abattoirs, said his son was not keen about school, and wanted to get a job. He was a pupil at the Granville Junior Technical School. About four months ago a 21-year-old friend, to whom his son was greatly attached, was drowned at Wallacia. The boy visited the cemetery regularly, attended the grave, and put flowers on it. He fretted greatly.

Edith Parsons said that her son left to go to school, as usual, on March 5. "A note had come through the post from the school, asking for an explanation for his non-attendance," said witness. "I showed him the note, and he just smiled and looked down."

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THE KING'S APPROVAL TO BE SOUGHT

BRITAIN is likely to have its first real air mail stamp soon. Steps have already been taken, to introduce a stamp that will do justice to the increasing traffic on the air mail routes, and at the same time recognise the interest which King Edward has always shown in commercial flying.

A number of suggestions have been put forward, and these will probably be considered by a member of the College of Heraldry now attached to the Air Ministry.

Before any decision is taken, however, the King will be consulted.

BEHIND THE TIMES

Britain has so far been backward in providing a special stamp for air mails. While most other countries, with the exception of the British Colonies, have produced exceptionally fine examples of varying values, Britain has relied on ordinary postage stamps, with a small blue label bearing the words "By Air Mail."

The only air mail stamp issued in Britain was that produced in 1912, when the late Gustave Hamel flew with a small mail-bag from London to Windsor.

Philatelists are now paying £5 for these specimens, but some of the earliest air mail stamps produced in America realise as much as £20.

DISTANCE FLIGHTS

Letters and parcels are now flown regularly from London to the furthermost parts of the world.

Frequently the cargo from South Africa and Egypt is so heavy that a special triple-engine plane has to be used to bring it to the London Terminal Air Port at Croydon.

Regular dispatches go from the Far East, Australia and South America.

Airmen and business people are convinced that an attractive stamp would add to the prestige of British commerce abroad; and lead to a big increase in air mail traffic.

KEPT ALIVE BY BELLOWS

AFTER being kept alive for nearly four years by a football bladder breathing device and similar apparatus, Mr. S. Crosby Halahan, of Little Croft, Chiddingfold, Surrey, has died at his home, aged sixty-five.

The muscles of Mr. Halahan's body became atrophied some years ago. In June 1932 artificial respiration had to be administered day and night.

Sir William Bragg, the scientist, who is a friend of the family, devised an apparatus in which two football bladders were connected with a wide rubber tube. One bladder was banded tightly to Mr. Halahan's chest and the other was placed between two hinged boards so that it could be worked by the feet like bellows.

The apparatus succeeded beyond all expectations.

Later, at Sir William's request, a hydraulic apparatus to be worked off the water supply, was designed by a London scientific instrument maker.

This apparatus was used until Mr. Halahan died.

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS

UNITED PRESS PERISCOPE ON WORLD TIT-BITS

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ETHIOPIAN CHIEF IS MISSING



Ras Seyoum, one of Ethiopia's ablest leaders, whose forces in South have been annihilated.

Lindbergh's Servant Dies Grieving For Their Baby

Birmingham, Mar. 31.

A two-month-old secret was revealed to-night with the news that Mrs. Phoebe Mary Whiteley, former servant of the Lindberghs, and a vital witness in the trial of Bruno Hauptmann, died here on January 9.

Mrs. Whiteley was a Birmingham woman, and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. A. Ward, Balden-road, Harborne.

She was the widow of Mr. Olly Whiteley, butler in the Lindbergh home at the time of the kidnapping. Mrs. Ward said that the worry of the trial, combined with the death of her husband, and sorrow at the loss of the Lindbergh baby undoubtedly contributed to her death.

CLAIM BY A 91-YEAR-OLD BROMPTON WOMAN

Northallerton, Apr. 1. In a little cottage at Brompton, Northallerton, doing her own household tasks at 91 years of age, is Miss Ann Crawford, who claims to be heirress to an estate of £100,000 in America. Mr. H. Peacock, Brompton, a nephew, is prosecuting his aunt's claim with Mr. J. J. Dwyer, 40, Wall Street, New York.

Mr. Peacock said to-day that he had taken up his aunt's claim having regard to an advertisement which appeared in a London newspaper for heirs to a sum of £100,000 left by Mr. Thomas Walsh, who married Ann Crawford, of Manchester, in 1836, and went to America before 1846.

Thomas Walsh was born in King's County, Ireland, and his wife was believed to have been born in Northern Ireland or in Scotland. Miss Ann Crawford, of Brompton, is a niece of the late Mrs. Walsh, and, in her possession, are a birth certificate and other documents which would appear to substantiate her contention that she is the nearest surviving heir to the fortune. She remembers as a little girl being present at a farewell party before the couple left for the United States.

They had no family when they left, and since their departure no further news had been heard of Mr. and Mrs. Walsh until the advertisement for heirs to the estate appeared. Miss Ann Crawford, in her younger days, was a seamstress, and, for several years, was at Leeds, coming to Brompton 40 years ago.

Sheriff Herbert Ross, of Iowa, (Mich.), slugged recently when three convicts escaped, received an anonymous birthday present shortly thereafter. It was a steel trench helmet.

But getting back closer home for the final periscope peer, we find an Oakland woman seeking "divorcement." Mrs. Mary Parker asked a divorce from Joseph Lee Parker, because he was "unkind, inconsiderate, sullen, mean, irritable, morbid, disagreeable, nasty, gruesome, cool, bitter, jealous, heckling, picaresque, loathsome, insulting, brazen, miserly, gluttonous, conceited, temperamental, selfish, unkind, nagging, and besides never took me any place." The judge must have thought that sufficient—she was granted the divorce.

RADIO BROADCAST

New Fox-Trots by The Harmony Boys

Z.E.K. PROGRAMME

From Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kilocycles): 5-7 p.m. Hongkong Hotel Dance Orchestra.

7 p.m. Mavis Bennett (Soprano), Yehudi Menuhin (Violin).

1. Violin Solos—Hungarian Dance No. 6 in B-flat Major (Brahms); Romanza Andaluza (Spanish Dance) (Op. 22) (Sarasate); 2. Songs—The Doll's Song ("Tales of Hoffmann") (Offenbach); Wine, Women and Song (Strauss); Violin Solo—La Ronde des (Strauss); 3. Violin Solo—La Ronde des Lutins (Dance of the Goblins) (Bazzini); 4. Songs—The Lass with the delicate Air (Arne). By the Waters of Minnetonka (Laurance). 7-10 p.m. From the Studio.

New Fox-Trots played by "The Harmony Boys." 8 p.m. Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements. 8.05 p.m. A Relay from the Lee Theatre (Chinese).

11 p.m. Close down. 8.05-10 p.m. European Programme from Z.E.K. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05 p.m. De Groot and his Orch. Traume (Wagner); Autumn (Chaminade); The Gypsy Princess—Selection (Kalmann); The Song of Songs (Moyra); La Violette (Padilla); Other Days (arrested Fink).

8.32 p.m. A Concert. Cello Solo—Gavotte Tendre (Hillemacher); Pablo Casals; Song—Lol Here the Gentle Lark (Bishop); Lily Pons (Soprano); Piano Solo—Capriccio in A Minor (Dohnanyi); Vladimir Horowitz; Song—Love, would I only tell thee (Capel); She is far from the Land (Lambert); Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone); Cello Solo—Apres un Reve (Faure); Pablo Casals; Songs—Always ("Parlan Lalaby); Love, I give you my all ("Luana"); Ina Souze (Soprano).

9 p.m. Davenport News Bulletin. 9.15 p.m. Richard Tauber (Tenor).

1. Rose Marie—"O Rose Marie I love you" (Frém); 2. Rose Marie—"Indian Love Call" (Frém); 3. Night and Day (Cole Porter); 4. Let me love you to-night (Walker).

9.30 p.m. Dance Music. 10 p.m. Big Ben; Close down.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

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GSG	1,860 k.c.	25.25 metres
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GSL	2,310 k.c.	15.82 metres
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Transmission 1. 1.15 p.m. Big Ben, "April Folly." 1.45 p.m. "Radio to Radio." 2 p.m. The B.D.C. Empire Orchestra. Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 p.m. 3 p.m. The News. 3.25 p.m. Close down.

Transmission 2. (G.S.J., G.S.G., G.S.D.) 7 p.m. Big Ben, Reginald Porter-Brown, at the Organ of the Royal College, 10, St. Cross. 7.15 p.m. A Recital by Cissy Hoyne (Soprano and Pianoforte). 7.45 p.m. "April Folly." 8.15 p.m. Medley's Balladale Orchestra. 8.45 p.m. "All About the Radio." 9 p.m. The News. 9.20 p.m. Dance Music. 9.45 p.m. Close down.

Transmission 3. (G.S.J., G.S.F., G.S.E.) 10 p.m. Big Ben, Arthur Salisbury and his orchestra. 10.15 p.m. Variety. 10.25 p.m. A Recital by Gladys Corlett (Violoncello). 11 p.m. Talk: "Conquest of the Air"—11.20 p.m. "Eight Bells." 11.30 p.m. The News. 11.35 p.m. Greenwich Time Signal at 11.35 a.m. 12.00 a.m. The News. 12.50 a.m. Orchestral Music. 1 a.m. Close down.

INDIAN CONGRESS

EXTREMIST PROPOSAL DEFEATED

Lucknow, April 12. The new Indian Constitution is described as a "new charter of slavery" designed to strengthen the bonds of Imperialist domination, by the President, Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing the plenary session of the All-India Congress attended by Gandhi.

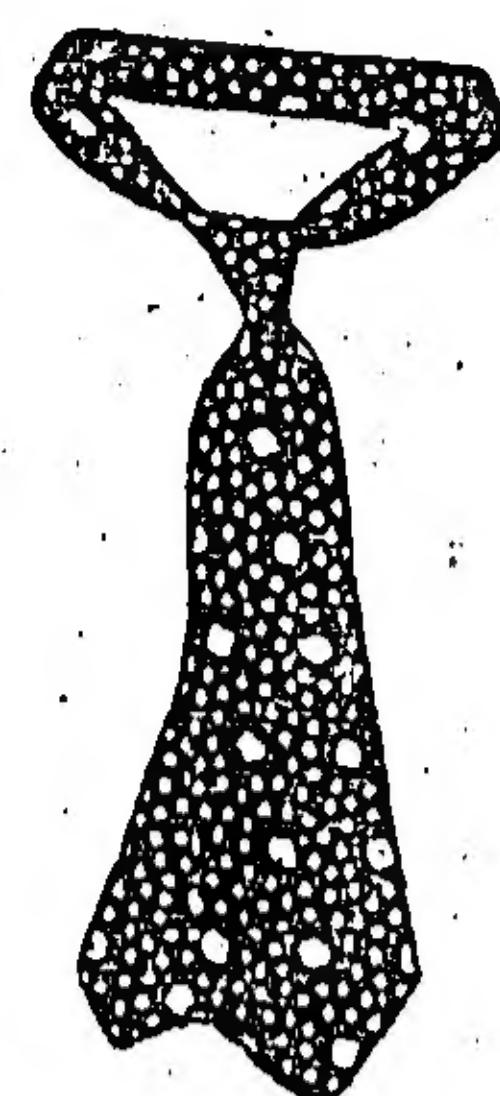
Nehru advised members of Congress to take advantage of the new constitution to capture the legislatures and use them as platforms to further their economic programme and create political deadlock.

The speech was robbed of much interest by the decision of the Congress Subjects Committee yesterday to postpone the decision on the acceptance of office by members of Congress under the new Constitution.

The Socialist groups proposal to pledge members of Congress against the acceptance of responsibility, and to tactics designed to wreck the new constitution, was defeated by 44 votes to 23.—Reuter.

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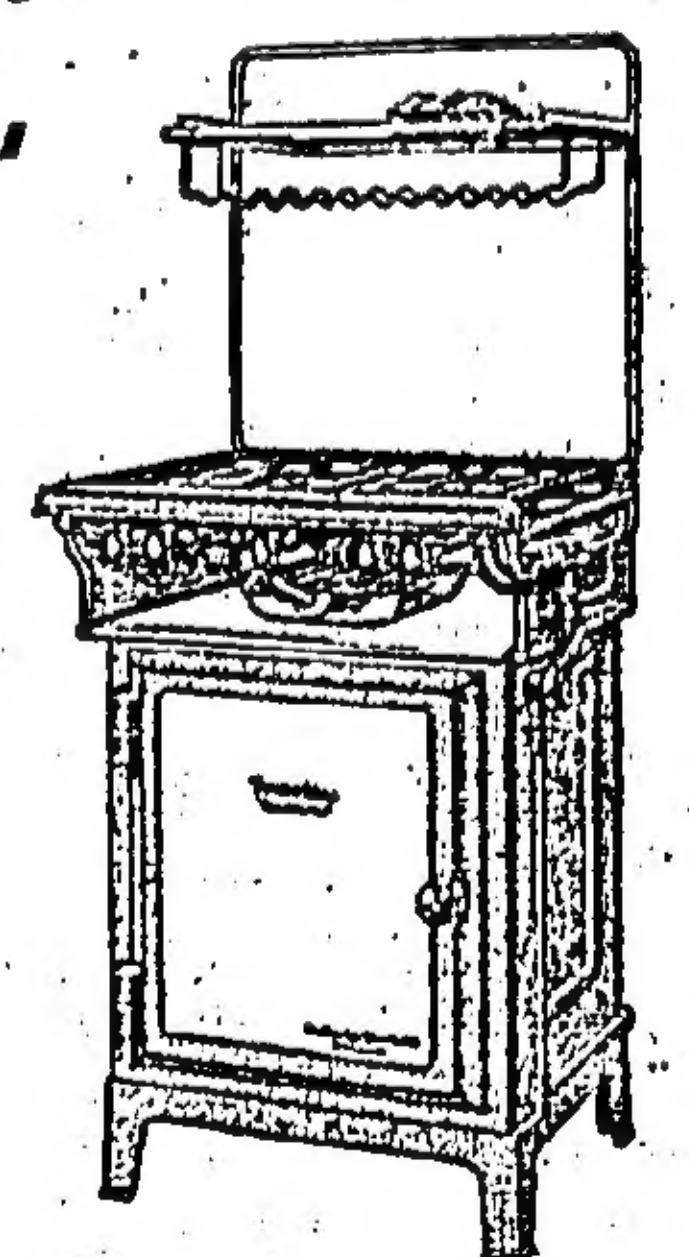
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JAPAN-GERMANY

FURTHER REPORTS OF UNDERSTANDING

Paris, April 12. A secret Japanese-German understanding was virtually concluded at the beginning of the year, asserts Madame Tabouis in L'Oeuvre.

Madame Tabouis says that fresh information with regard to this has reached Geneva. It is reported that in the alleged agreement Germany surrendered to

Japan all claim to the former German possessions, the Marshall and Mariana Islands.

Pointed comment is made in Geneva, contrasting the German attitude in this matter with the demand for the return of the ex-German possessions held by England and France.

In connection with this it is recalled that the rumours of a Japanese-German understanding for co-operation have been strenuously denied in Tokyo and Berlin, but it is believed that the intensive preparations of the Soviet during the past two years are due to fears of such a combined attack.—Reuter.

H. D. RUMJAHN AND COLONY TENNIS TITLE

NAVY WANT KOTEWALL CUP

EARN PLAY-OFF WITH ARMY

S. CHINA BEATEN

The Kotewall Cup is not yet won! By defeating South China yesterday, Navy earn the right to a replay with the Army, who had previously beaten South China and drawn with the Senior Service.

There was a fascinating variety of fortunes in the match at Sookunpo, and Navy deserved full marks for their 3-2 win if only for the manner in which they twice recovered "lost ground." After a hard fought first half Navy increased their pace and the Chinese could not withstand the pressure.

South China might have reversed the result had they more fully in Tey Qu-lung, the only forward really to worry Wolverson and tieger. But his scintillating first half display evoked no response from his colleagues, who proceeded to keep the ball on the right wing, where diminutive Yeung Shui-yick was short of the fast moving and accurately tackling Navy defence.

South China took the opportunity of giving some Olympic trial players a run-out. Chua Boon-lay, Malayan full back with an enviable reputation was on view. He played well without doing anything particularly noteworthy. S. D. Liang, Shanghai half back was another to be given a practice but he was against a clever right wing and did not always show up to best advantage.

WIDE OUTSTANDING

Navy were exceedingly well served by Wide, who, although playing out of position at centre-half, was the cleverest and most effective performer on view. Regier and Wolverson were a pair of staunch defenders and Ross the best of an aggressive attack. Tey Qu-lung stood out head and shoulders above the rest of the Chinese forward when he was given an opportunity—but the remainder were a trifle slow and too easily hustled off the ball.

Pau Ka-ping, together with C. Y. Cheung and Chua worked very hard in defence, while Lam Tak-yee was the best of an average half back line. South China went ahead in the first minute when Cheuk Shek-kam shook the rigging with a terrific drive from ten yards range, but Navy were soon on level terms as a result of a brilliant drive from Wide, the force of which was too much for Pau Ka-ping, who allowed the ball to slip out of his hands and over the goal line. Once again South China gained the lead when Lai Shui-wing completed a dazzling movement by Tay, but before half time the Navy had drawn level once more, Chua deflecting a free kick by Crawford into the goal. Navy were on top most of the second half, the winning goal coming when Ross shot through a crowd of players.

PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL

The Latest Results

New York, April 12.
The following are the latest results in the Pacific Coast baseball league.

Seattle	IL	H	E
San Francisco	4	8	4
San Diego	4	2	2
Portland	5	10	2
Oakland	6	18	2
Los Angeles	6	17	7
Minors	8	10	2

—United Press.

CORINTHIANS LOSE

TOURING GERMANY DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS

London, Apr. 11.
The Corinthians, famous English soccer team, who are touring Germany during Easter, played the first of three matches with the Hamburg Sports Club and lost by two goals to one.

Twelve thousand spectators watched the match, which was played in cold and unfavourable weather.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

GOALS COST HIM £500

Two goals scored against Fulham in the F.A. Cup semi-final at Wolverhampton cost Mr. Jack Peart, the Fulham team's manager, £500.

Mr. Peart had been promised this gift by Mr. John Dean, the Fulham chairman, if the club reached the Final. But Mr. Peart was more upset at his team's defeat by Sheffield United than by his own personal loss.

Sheffield United, in winning through to Wembley, played their 22nd consecutive game without defeat—a feat which equals a club record.

Last year Sheffield Wednesday won the Cup. Now Sheffield folk are asking: "Is it United's turn this year?"

Arsenal, the favourites, made sure that London would be represented at Wembley by their 1-0 victory over gallant Gillingham Town.

The receipts at Huddersfield (£5,260), and at Wolverhampton (£4,760) were both records for the grounds.

Defeats Cousin In Club Championship And Becomes Big Favourite



UP AND AT IT!—Attackers and defenders were alert when this attack was made by the Navy on South China goal during yesterday's Kotewall Cup game, and four players leapt into the air to get the ball. (Photo: Moe Chung).

FOOTBALL CHATTER

CHAMPIONSHIP AS GOOD AS WON

Athletic Fall By Wayside

(By "Veritas")

IT now seems certain that the only football competition of the season which the Chinese (represented either by South China "A" or the C.N.A.A.F.) will not win is the Kotewall Cup. They already possess one handle of the first division league cup and are groping confidently for the other. Methinks it will be theirs within the next day or two.

WHAT looked likely to be a thrilling climax to the long contest has been severely hit on the head by Club's defeat of Chinese Athletic, only serious contenders with the champions for the title. That two-nil reverse on Saturday has made a world of difference. In short South China "A" require but four points from their remaining three matches to win the championship.

AND they have to play the Athletic! It seems obvious.

NOT even a draw can help the Athletic to any extent. If they share the points with South China on Wednesday, the title holders can still afford to drop two points from their other two matches. The odds are that South China will beat the Athletic and decide the whole question there and then.

SOUTH China negotiated what was considered to be one of their chief obstacles when they handily beat Fusiliers on Saturday. This has left them a nice safety margin. Even if the Ulster Rifles upset them, St. Joseph's can't hope to. There seems to be no doubt that Wednesday's match will decide things one way or the other—unless Athletic lose to-day. After that it would be a case of scrapping it out for the runners-up position.

THIS is likely to prove a more enduring and more absorbing contest than that for the title. Five teams can be said to hold interests of varying value. Athletic hold the position at the moment, but Police, South China "B", Fusiliers and Club are chasing them hot-foot. Club played so well on Saturday that they looked the second best team in the Colony. Their big snag is that whereas the other teams have points in the bag, Club have yet to secure them. They have games in hand, which, at this stage of the season, is certainly more of a handicap than an advantage.

CRICKET MATCH RUINED

DISMAL ENDING AT K.C.C.

(By R. Abbit)

Although the sun made a gallant effort to come out about ten o'clock on Saturday morning, the weather turned gray and heavily again, and it was raining quite a lot when the K.C.C.—United Services game was resumed at twenty minutes past eleven. Garthwaite did not enforce the follow on, and Williams and Perse opened.

Smith bowled from the Pavilion end and a single apiece was scored. Leo went on at the other end, and bowled in a sweater! This shows what the day was like! Perse cut him beautifully to third man and then took a single to mid-wicket. Next over Perse managed to get Smith three times to the leg boundary although there were three men out there. The ball was obviously greasy and also what wind there was flew against Smith who should have been over, but he was not out. He was bowling very well. But it was wet and dark and beastly. Other words that suggest themselves have been editorially deleted.

Perse managed to get another four past the outer ring of leg fielders and then removed his sweater and was bowling very well. But it was wet and dark and beastly. Other words that suggest themselves have been editorially deleted.

Curiously enough, the knowledge of these narrow escapes is more likely to stimulate Rumjahn to better tennis rather than to depress him. He is a fighter of the first order and it is his capacity for struggling out of apparently hopeless positions which has given him such a success-

Semi-Final Matches This Week: Can Tsui Win?

(By "Veritas")

The concluding stages of the Colony open tennis championships are heralded this week, and if the programme is completed as per schedule, everything will be ready for the singles final on Monday week and the doubles final on Wednesday week.

Though this year's tournament may not go down to posterity as producing the best standard of tennis seen in the Colony championships, it will certainly earn the distinction of being extremely well and expeditiously conducted. Seven weeks have been taken to reach the semi-finals, not only of the open singles and doubles championships, but the various Hongkong Cricket Club events which are run simultaneously. The weather, naturally, has been favourable, but a tribute is also due to the organisers, and of course to a certain extent the players, who have this year eschewed those irritating postponements.

In every respect officials have done their utmost to afford the best playing conditions for the competitors and the most suitable accommodation for spectators. In the early rounds the No. 9, No. 6 and No. 4 courts, which staged the majority of the more important games, were invariably roped off and hurried to avoid some measure of intrusion on the court confines by eager onlookers. Cutting back the trees which encroached on the Chater Road courts was another happy action on the part of the club. It made an amazing difference to the light and general playing conditions on these courts.

IS IT "H.D." YEARS?

We have now reached that stage of the championships when everybody who has followed the tournament with any interest has arrived at his own conclusion as to the winners. Popular opinion appears to agree that the singles title will either be retained by S. A. Rumjahn, or stolen from him by H. D. Rumjahn or Tsui Wai-pui.

His many admirers are convinced that this is H. D. Rumjahn's year, and there is a lot to be said in favour of this view. Apart from his play in the tournament to date, perhaps the most significant factor in H. D. Rumjahn's favour is his recent success against S. A. Rumjahn in the Indian Recreation Club championship.

The cousins met last week in the semi-final when "H.D." won by three strokes to one. S. A. Rumjahn's score was 0-0, 0-1, 0-7, 0-6. It was an easy win, but it deserves consideration when reviewing prospects for the Colony title. H. D. walked away with the first two sets as the scores indicate, but Sirdar came back very strongly in the third and fourth. I believe (subject to memory) that he was leading 6-3 in the fourth set. Then H. D. tightened up his play, keeping errors down to the minimum which allowed him to run out a worthy winner.

H. D. Rumjahn has negotiated his championship hurdles so quietly and easily this year that one has been in danger of failing to appreciate his potentialities. Yet surely no better pointer to his form could have been given than by the efficient way the ousted Tsui Wai-pui, after that young man had aroused the enthusiasm of the pundits with clever displays against Pagh and Lu Tak-cheuk.

Rumjahn may not beat Lai Kwong-tsun in straight sets this Wednesday when they contest the semi-final, but I confidently expect to see him win, and it will be surprising if more than four sets are needed.

TSUI OR SIRDAR?

With much less confidence does one approach the task of prophesying the outcome of the Tsui Wai-pui v. S. A. Rumjahn match. They are very, very evenly matched. Tsui Wai-pui has certainly struck a streak of brilliance, whereas Rumjahn appears to be somewhat laboured. He has had two frightening experiences in the current tournament against players who would not be expected to beat Tsui Wai-pui, and with a certain amount of reservation, one can say that Rumjahn has been a little lucky to reach the semi-final. Tavares had him cold at one stage of their second round match, while Kong had him decidedly worried in the quarter-final encounter.

Curiously enough, the knowledge of these narrow escapes is more likely to stimulate Rumjahn to better tennis rather than to depress him. He is a fighter of the first order and it is his capacity for struggling out of apparently hopeless positions which has given him such a success-

ful tennis career and will almost assuredly influence Tsui when they meet.

Tsui's form in the championships has been second to none, but one cannot ignore the fact that he has enjoyed an easy draw and apart from Tennis Kwok has met nobody in his own class. Nevertheless the 1934 champion is capable of beating Rumjahn, though I wouldn't care to gamble hard money on the result.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

These are the only two Colony championship matches to be played this week, but there are one or two entertaining I.K.C.C. games arranged. To-morrow, for example, Goldman and Sullivan, old club rivals, meet in the semi-final of the Club championship. Goldman, it is almost certain will win, especially as the match is over three sets at least.

Then on Thursday, the stand court will be taken over by Pagh and either Goldman or Sullivan, for the club championship final. Pagh who has lost from comparative obscurity to a position of importance in I.K.C.C. tennis, will stand quite a reasonable chance of winning, that is if he plays as ably as he has so far in the tournament.

Unfortunately league tennis will be deprived of his presence, as he leaves on Furlough at the end of this month. The complete programme, as at present arranged for this week follows. It should be noted that the semi-final matches in the open championship start at 4.30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Open Doubles (Semi-Final)
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Wai-pui v. Lee Wai-tung and Luk Ding-cheng (Stand Court).
Club Singles (Semi-Final)
L. Goldman v. A. I. Sullivan.
Club Handicap Singles (Fourth Round)
A. C. I. Bowker (Scr.) v. H. J. Armstrong (Scr.) (5-6).

WEDNESDAY

Open Singles (Semi-Final)
H. D. Rumjahn v. Lai Kwong-tsun (Stand Court).
Club Handicap Doubles (Third Round)
G. S. and J. Rogers (Scr.) v. A. C. I. Bowker and A. K. Macdonald (Scr.).
H. O'M. Deane and G. E. B. Davis (Scr.) v. H. R. Butters and D. Macdonald (Scr.) (4-6).
A. C. I. Bowker and G. E. B. Davis (Scr.) v. G. W. Sewell and H. J. Armstrong (Scr.) (1-2).

THURSDAY

Final Club Singles Championship (Stand Court).
Club Handicap Singles (Fourth Round)
A. C. I. Bowker (Scr.) v. H. J. Armstrong (Scr.) (5-6).
S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui (Semi-Final).
W. A. R. Grant (Scr.) v. W. P. Lucy (Scr.) (3-6).

FRIDAY

Open Singles (Semi-Final).
S. A. Rumjahn v. Tsui Wai-pui.
Club Handicap Doubles (Semi-Final)
G. S. and J. Rogers (Scr.) v. A. C. I. Bowker and A. K. Macdonald (Scr.).
A. C. I. Bowker and G. E. B. Davis (Scr.) v. H. R. Butters and D. Macdonald (Scr.) (4-6).
W. P. Lucy and H. A. Phillimore (Scr.) (3-6).

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Final, Open Singles (Stand Court).
Final, Handicap Doubles.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Final, Club Handicap Singles.
Final, Open Doubles and presentation of prizes.

OXFORD RUGBY TOUR HELD UP

Film Star Offers Aid For Visit To America

Efforts are being made in England and America to obtain funds to permit Oxford University Rugby Football Club, to tour California.

The majority of the players were to have sailed last month, but almost at the last hour they were advised not to do so.

This was because of the disappearance of Mr. John V. Waite, a British resident of Hollywood, who is an official of the Southern California Rugby Union.

HOLLYWOOD SUPPORT

Mr. Waite was responsible for depositing £2,000 with a Los Angeles bank as a guarantee of the expenses that would be incurred.

A development in England was that Mr. Boris Karloff, the film actor, who is making a picture in London, engaged a cable asking him to see if it were possible for the necessary money to be raised in England.

Mrs. Karloff said her husband was one of the original guarantors, others who subscribed included Mr. Herbert Marshall, Mr. Hugh Wainman, Mr. Cecil B. de Mille, and Mr. Nigel Bruce.

RACE TIPS FOR TEN EVENTS

DAILY DOUBLE

SOME GOOD SPORT PROMISED

(By "Captain Foster")

There are ten races down for today's meeting and my selections for the programmes are as follows:

SUGAR LOAF HANDICAP

Laughing Girl
Royal Highness
Miracle

COOLGARDIE HANDICAP

Australian Boy
Racing Heart
Violet Queen

BOA VISTA HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Mountain View
Seventeenth of September
Copper Idol

EASTER STAKES

Liberty Bay
King's Warden
Diana Bay

MORRISON HILL HANDICAP

King's Bounty
Pontiac Bay
Bright View

KELLETT HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Royal Consort
High Speed
Mayflower

BOA VISTA HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Night View
Boxing Eve
Ythan

BROKEN HILL HANDICAP

Electron
Shooting Star
Strathroy

KELLETT HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

King's Sceptre
Donovan
Flybynight

POKFULAM HANDICAP

Stopwatch
Gold Sovereign
Rugby Star

DAILY DOUBLE

King's Bounty and Night View.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

Opens Next Tuesday

New York, Apr. 11.
The baseball trumps are next Tuesday for opening of the 1936 big league race. Detroit Tigers will win their third straight pennant and the St. Louis Cardinals will stage a close battle for the National League flag in the opinion of most experts.—United Press.

SENATORS HAPPY

Washington, Apr. 11.
The Washington Senators, ready to open the big league baseball season on Tuesday, were happy to-day. They found their batting eyes while walloping the Phillies by eleven to three yesterday.—United Press.

of the Cambridge University L.T.C., writes as follows:

Mr. Alan Hornsby Wright's death has naturally been a great loss to the Cambridge University lawn tennis team, and his place will be very difficult to fill. He was a very promising young player with an excellent style and would, I am sure, given time, have risen to great heights in the lawn tennis world.



MR. HORNSBY WRIGHT

Death Of Cambridge Tennis Blue

We greatly regret to record the death of Alan Hornsby Wright, captain of the Cambridge University Lawn Tennis Club, which occurred in a Cambridge nursing home last week, following injuries received in a motor accident near Newmarket on February 1, observes *Lawn Tennis and Badminton*.

He was a third-year undergraduate at Trinity Hall and won his lawn tennis Blue last summer when he assisted the Varsity in recording their 26th victory over Oxford University in the first match of the series. He was afterwards elected captain of the club for the current year. During the long vacation he was a member of the Oxford and Cambridge team which met the Harvard and Yale Universities for the Prentice Cup and when the score stood at 10-9 in the visitors' favour he took part in what proved to be the key-rubber with C. H. Fawcus against Stevens and Mansfield. This rubber lasted for three hours and ran to 63 games, Fawcus and Hornsby Wright holding four match-points in the third set before losing. In October Hornsby Wright assisted Kent county in the inter-county hard court championships. He first attracted notice at the Folkestone tournament where he won the first class handicap with 15.5 in 1933, and again in 1934 from the scratch mark, when there was only one handicap (scale 2). "A GREAT LOSS"

Only quite recently we received a letter from him in which he outlined some of the plans he was making for the Varsity's lawn tennis, and it was evident that as captain he was taking his duties in a conscientious and painstaking manner.

Hornsby Wright was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hornsby Wright of 14, Hyde Park Gate, S.W. (late of Folkestone). He was educated at Chillon, Switzerland.

The inquest was opened by the Cambridge Borough Coroner on February 7, and after evidence of identification was adduced until April 17. It was stated that A. H. Wright, of Trinity College, the driver of the car in which Hornsby Wright was a passenger, would not be able to give evidence for at least eight weeks. Mr. Raymond Oliver, hon. secretary

One Dead, 20 Injured, at Rugby International

FIREMEN TURN HOSES ON CROWD

One man collapsed and died and 20 people were injured when thousands of people stormed the gates of Cardiff Arms Park for the Rugby international between Wales and Ireland.

Hundreds of people who had queued up for hours could not get into the ground, and eventually the fire brigade had to turn hoses on them to prevent them from wrecking the game.

The man who collapsed and died was identified as Mr. Lewis, of Tonypandy. He was about 60 years of age.

About 20 other people were treated for injuries at the Cardiff Rugby Infirmary, among them a number of women. One man, Charles Green, of High-street, Newport, Monmouthshire, was detained with severe concussion.

For a time the dressing-rooms in the pavilion at Cardiff Arms Park

HOW ELIOT HALL LOST THE "UNOFFICIAL" INTERPORT BADMINTON MATCH

How They Stand In The Tables

KOTEWALL CUP

South China A.A. 2 Royal Navy 3

DIVISION I

Hongkong F.C.	2	Chinese Ath.	0
South China "B"	2	Kowloon F.C.	1
Royal Navy	1	H.K. Police	4
St. Joseph's	2	East Lancs.	0
R.W. Fusiliers	2	South China "A"	5
R.A. Lyemun	2	Club de Recreio	3

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
S. China "A"	23	18	0	5	72	28	30
Chinese Ath.	22	12	7	3	59	22	31
H.K. Police	21	11	6	4	57	23	28
S. China "B"	21	10	8	3	42	30	28
Royal Navy	22	13	0	9	59	48	26
H.K.F.C.	20	11	3	5	49	27	25
R.W. Fus.	21	9	7	5	42	35	25
R.U. Rifles	21	8	7	6	43	31	23
East Lancs.	19	8	2	9	39	38	18
St. Joseph's	21	7	4	10	31	36	18
Kowloon F.C.	21	6	1	14	34	46	13
R.A. (L.)	22	2	2	18	35	69	6
R.A. (S.)	24	1	3	20	16	95	5

DIVISION II

Hongkong F.C.	0	East Lancs.	7
Chinese Ath.	1	R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.	0
R.U. Rifles	5	South China	2
Royal Engineers	2	Royal Navy	0

League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Royal Navy	22	19	2	1	125	20	40
East Lancs.	21	15	3	3	72	23	33
R.W. Fus.	19	12	6	1	73	17	30
Royal Engrs.	23	14	2	7	84	45	30
R.U. Rifles	23	13	3	4	67	29	29
South China	24	13	1	10	49	50	27
R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C.	23	10	3	10	51	53	23
Chinese Ath.	21	9	4	8	40	35	22
Eastern Ath.	21	6	4	11	42	55	16
H.K.F.C.	23	6	3	14	38	68	15
University	20	5	3	12	36	74	13
Recreio	19	4	0	15	26	71	8
Radio S.C.	21	3	1	17	25	88	7
Kowloon F.C.	23	3	1	19	18	102	7

DIVISION III

Liga Portuguesa	2	R.U. Rifles	4
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League Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
East Lancs.	20	15	3	2	84	25	33

Our Daily Golf Hint

No other two clubs in the bag are as important as the putter, in so far as the art of scoring is concerned.
—J. D. Travers.

CRICKET MATCH RUINED

(Continued from Page 8.)

then the rain poured down and at last they came in.

It then proceeded to rain like the next letter to K and though with the inevitable optimism of cricketers one held on until after five, it was clear that the game must be abandoned. It was a pathetic anticlimax to the hopes of the K.C.C. to finish their season with two jolly good games.

Whether or no it will be possible to arrange the Champions vs. Rest of League for the end of this week I do not know. Writing now on Sunday the weather seems better but who on earth, or even in the Royal Observatory, can tell what our dash blank obelisk weather will do from one day to another?

I should very much like to see the game played on Saturday next—there are no races anyway and lawn bowls don't start their League until the Saturday afterwards! But I wonder. But I confess that I feel about the League as Mr. King in Stalky and Co. did about the management of the College, having like him learned by bitter experience.

(A prize of ten cents is offered for the first correct amplification of this reference which reaches me. All replies should give name and address, and enclose \$1 in notes as a proof of good faith.)

I shall hope to publish my next article on Friday next.

R.W. Fus. ... 20 13 5 2 60 25 31
Police (C.) ... 20 12 4 4 50 28 28
R.A.F. ... 20 10 4 6 52 37 24
R.A.M.C. ... 16 7 4 5 40 30 18
R.U. ... 19 8 2 10 47 54 18
Royal Engrs. ... 18 7 3 8 42 35 17
Liga Portuguesa ... 18 8 1 10 42 38 17
Police (E.) ... 19 6 2 11 35 48 14
St. Joseph's ... 18 2 2 14 27 70 6
Railway R.C. ... 18 1 0 17 11 94 2

CONTINUE TO PLAY NERVOUSLY

BUT INEXPERIENCE WAS THE PRIME FACTOR

That Eliot Hall badminton team played below form due chiefly to nervousness, and were no match for Shanghai's leading players a week ago is revealed by the following description of the unofficial interport match given by the Shanghai Times.

While showing some improvement over their exhibition on Friday night, the visiting badminton team from Eliot Hall, University of Hongkong, failed to stand up impressively against a Shanghai all-club side at the French Club last night, taking only three out of the 13 sets played.

The Shanghai players were victorious in all their matches, losing two sets in the doubles and one in the singles, though the latter was in the nature of a gift on the part of Spagnoletti to his opponent and might easily have been taken by the local champion, Meise, who won his singles match against K. S. Liew in two straight sets, 15-4, 15-4, while Spagnoletti defeated T. C. Lee by 15-2, 15-7 and 15-6. De Senna and Silva had a hard time in accounting for C. O. Lee and K. Y. Lee by 9-15, 18-15 and 15-9, but L. H. Wade and Lionel Kew ran out easy winners over C. H. Soon and K. S. Liew, 15-9, 15-10. Williams and Wilson conceded one set to the visitors, defeating P. K. Chang and P. E. Tan by 15-10, 15-16 and 15-5.

Though it was generally expected that the students would be more or less acquainted with local conditions last night, their nervousness and inexperience showed up once more against steady opponents. Meise and Spagnoletti in their singles matches far outclassed their respective opponents, the former making short shift of K. S. Liew, but the latter allowed his opponent to take the second set after a whirlwind exhibition in the first.

The doubles were much closer and attracted more attention and applause from the spectators than the singles. With the exception of Wade and Kew, who had no difficulty with their opponents, the other Shanghai pairs were engaged in harder tussles and were obliged to drop one set each to the visitors.

Williams and Wilson won fairly convincingly, but the match between Senna and Silva and the match between C. O. Lee and K. Y. Lee was the keenest of the evening and certainly produced the longest rallies. The Shanghai pair lost the first set 15-10, but in the second set after losing badly in the first, and the Chinese pair put up a far better display than it was expected.

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FIREWORKS FROM MEISE

Playing against an inferior opponent, A. G. Meise, for many years local champion and "demon" champion, was able to demonstrate all the tricks of his trade and employ his vast experience to advantage. Beginning the game on his service, Meise soon ran to a lead of 2-0 before K. S. Liew could gain a point. At 2-1, Meise launched a furious attack and drove his opponent mercilessly from corner to corner, placing and smashing with great effect.

Badly outclassed, the Chinese lad collapsed beneath Meise's aggression and lost the next nine points in succession. At 11-1, the service changed hands and Liew was able to take three more points before losing the game at 15-4.

Meise repeated his performance in the second game, never looking back once after a successful start and winning by the same score, 15-4. The whole match lasted for only about 10 minutes.

Spagnoletti went off to a huge lead in his first game with T. C. Lee and won 10 points straight on his service before the Chinese could break through. The local champion exploited his particularly effective drop shots to great advantage and frequently caught his opponent out of position. After allowing Lee to take a point at 10-1, Spagnoletti took the next three points to lead by 13-1 and then conceded one more point before taking the game, 15-2.

Lee rallied well in the second game and Spagnoletti soon had difficulty in outpacing him. It must be admitted, however, that Spagnoletti showed in-

differences in this game and did not even trouble to reach for any shots out of his way. The score was close all the way through and Lee drew level at 14 all in a final effort. The visitor took three out of the next five points to take the game at 17-10. Galvanized once more into action, Spagnoletti outclassed his opponent again in the third set and although the latter fought back gamely he was clearly no match for the great experience of the Shanghai champion, who won by 15-0.

DOUBLES DUEL

De Senna and Silva had an interesting duel with C. O. Lee and K. Y. Lee. The visitors started off in great style and ran up a lead of 5-0 before the local pair could break through their service. The Chinese pair showed more confidence than other members of the team and maintained their lead until the end of the game which they won convincingly by 15-0. The situation was exactly reversed in the second game for De Senna and Silva amassed a lead of seven clear points before their opponents could stop the rot. The contestants then divided next 12 points evenly between them and Senna and Silva became confident of victory as they were thus leading by 15-4.

Unleashing a furious rally, the Chinese pair astounded everyone with their splendid display and within a few minutes they had levelled the score at 13-all and continued further to take a lead of 2-0 in the five-point replay. De Senna and Silva recovered in time, however, and after forcing a tie at 2-all, went ahead to win by 15-3 and the game at 15-15. The Shanghai players had little difficulty in accounting for their opponents in the last game which they took convincingly, 15-0.

Wilson and Williams, while conceding one game to the visitors, had a comfortable time with P. K. Chang and P. E. Tan and won the first game by 15-10 and the last by 15-6. A splendid recovery by the Chinese in the second game enabled them to save themselves from a shut-out defeat.

Lionel Kew and Leslie Wade had an even less difficult task with C. H. Soon and K. S. Liew and won in straight sets, 15-0, 15-10. Kew was the outstanding player of the four while Wade supported his partner admirably.

Kew's form has been encouraging this season and as this is only his first year of participating in serious competition, his performances in the past have been creditable.

YESTERDAY'S GOLF

Shanghai Visitor's Cup Won By Sharp

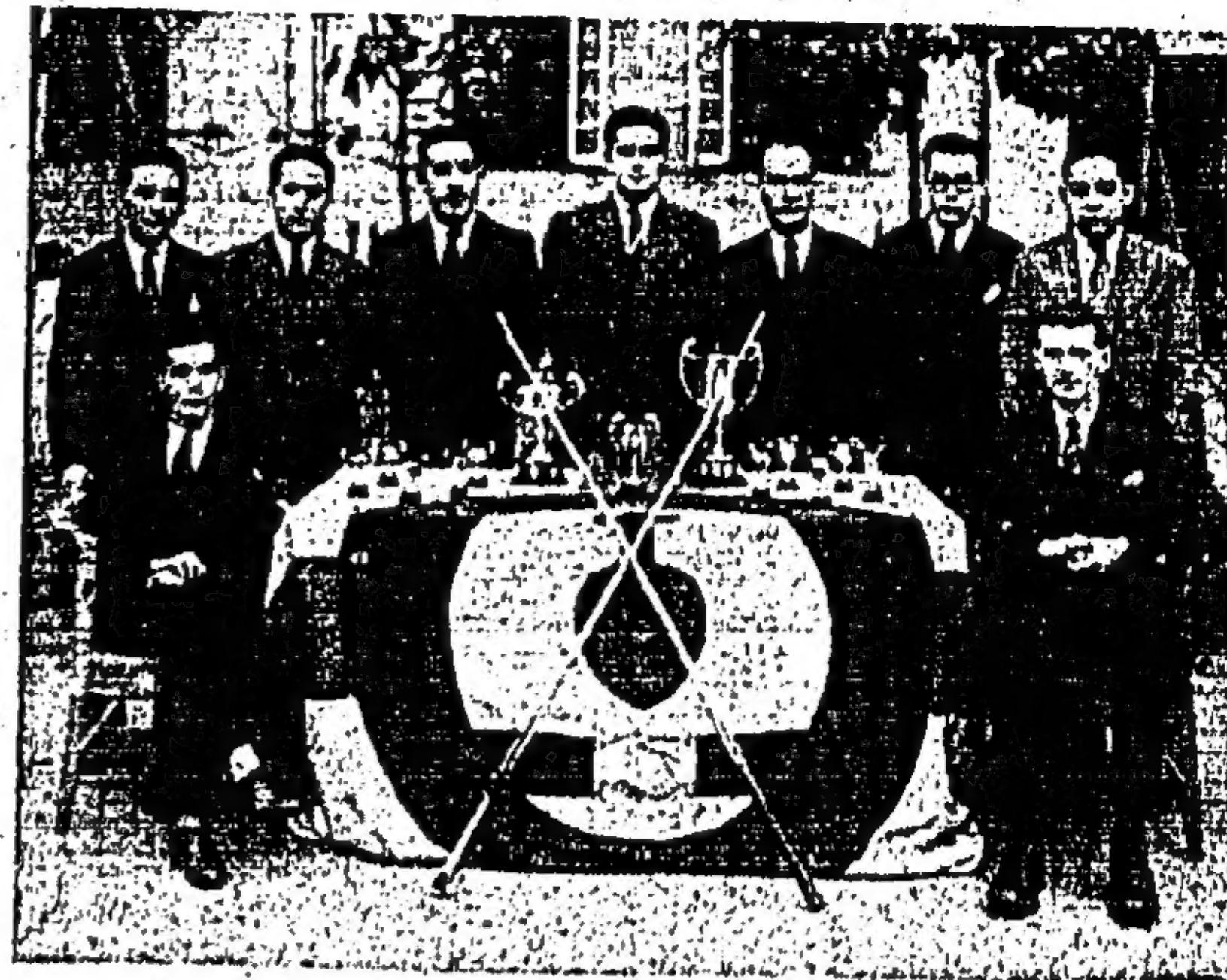
W. Sharp with an abnormally low score of 137 was the winner of the Shanghai Visitors' Cup which was decided at Fanling yesterday.

The results were:
W. Sharp ... 82+87=169—32=137
K. K. Rumble ... 82+84=166—30=143
J. E. Dunnett ... 91+92=183—40=143
C. H. Burton ... 87+82=169—24=145
R. Young ... 81+70=151—10=151
H. Lafford ... 86+88=174—22=152
P. H. Scoones ... 82+80=162—10=162
F. A. Redmond ... 84+87=171—18=159
F. M. Ellis ... 82+84=166—32=158
A. T. Lay ... 89+84=173—20=153
R. K. Collings ... 83+81=164—10+154
T. A. Pearce ... 82+78=160—6=156
Best round in the morning, J. B. Machie 76—8=68.
Best round in the afternoon, K. K. Rumble 84—15=69.

SHANGHAI'S LOSS

Mr. and Mrs. Blinko Sail For Vancouver

The Empress of Canada took from Shanghai Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Blinko, says the N. C. D. News of April 5. One of the finest and most popular



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CHAMPION THOROUGHBREDS FROM FIVE COUNTRIES MAY RACE TOGETHER

Miami, Florida.

A movement to bring the champion thoroughbreds of England, France, Germany, and Italy to this country for a series of races with the top horses of the United States, has been launched by the National Association of Racing Commissioners.

A committee of 10 of the most prominent turfmen in the country has been appointed to work out the details of the international stakes.

Tentative plans call for races at four distances—six furlongs, mile, mile and an eighth, and a mile and a quarter. Each nation will be asked to send its champions at these distances. The present rough schedule calls for a graded scale of prizes topped by a \$100,000 check for the mile and a quarter event. The six furlongs would be worth \$25,000, the mile \$35,000 and the mile and an eighth \$50,000.

For proof that the international series would prove popular, one needs only to recall the tremendous excitement caused by the invasion of Papyrus in 1923. Epineard a year later, and of Phar Lap, the Australian wonder horse in 1932. And these invasions were by single horses. Bring teams over to battle with our crack runners, and racing in this country would hit an all-time high.

Walter H. Donovan, president of the national association of racing commissioners, and the man who named the committee to promote international races, is of the opinion that such stakes would prove the greatest boost racing ever had.

"Unfortunately," Donovan said, "racing has been emphasized as a means of betting, and not as a sport. Continued emphasis on the betting machines and not the horses will kill the sport. International races would shift that emphasis to the place it belongs—out there on the track and not on the sellers' and cashiers' cages."—United Press.

golfers Shanghai has known, Mr. Blinko's departure for good unfortunately, will mean a very great loss to the ranks of the keen sportsmen of Shanghai.

Concerning his departure, a correspondent writes: "He has been one of the greatest personalities in the history of Shanghai golf, equaling in popularity and respect the two great stalwarts of the past, the late Mr. A. W. Walkinshaw of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and 'McMurry' of Shewan, Tomes and Co., all grand golfers."

It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Blinko will be making their future home somewhere on Vancouver Island.

DEATH OF FOOTBALL "DICTATOR"

Mr. John McKenna, president of the Football League for twenty-six years, and vice-president of the Football Association since 1905, died in Walton Hospital, Liverpool, last month. He was aged eighty-one.

Mr. McKenna's name was so inseparable from decisions of the Football League Management Committee that the Little Man considered him the Dictator of Football.

He was so trusted as a leader that the Management Committee never failed to ratify his decisions when, in emergencies, he was called on to act as a "one-man" committee.

He acted thus alone under Regulation 16 of the Football League, which empowers the Management Committee to delegate their full authority to "such member, or members as they may think fit."

No one had such influence with the committee; generally he could sway their decisions. Yet on the football pools question he was definitely opposed to the committee's opinion.

When the committee decided to change the fixtures list, and to keep it secret until late in the week, thus making it impossible for pool lists to be filled up and posted in time, Mr. McKenna said the fixtures should not be interfered with.

DECIDED VIEWS

But the majority of the committee were against him. So he gave way. When the situation was cleared up he was much relieved.

He held strong and decided views. He was blunt.

When the war between the League and the pools was at its height he was asked to make a statement because his questioner pointed out, the matter was of public importance.

Mr. McKenna's outspoken reply was: "The public will have to wait. That is the position we are in. The public might think otherwise. Let the public think."

For thirty-four years Mr. McKenna was cared for by a Mrs. Stainer. She became blind four years ago.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize the award of the Efficiency Medal (Hongkong Volunteers) to "Private" Vincent Hubert Charles Jarrett.

Saturday was the day appointed for the resumption of summer uniform by the Navy. Only half whites were worn yesterday, however.

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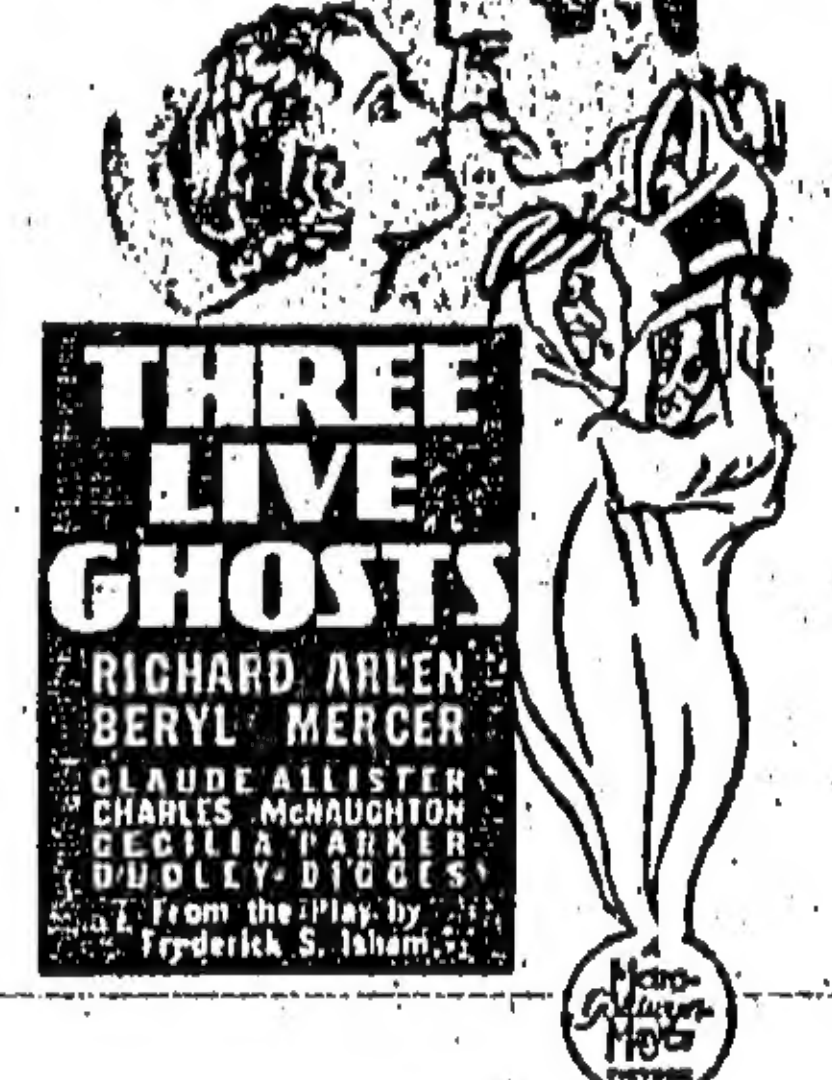
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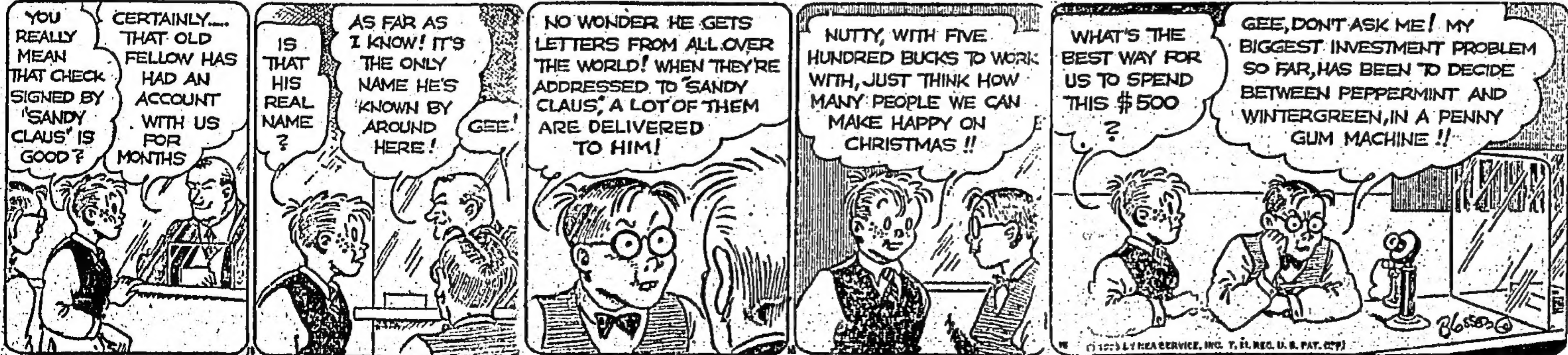
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Charles Dickens' A TALE OF TWO CITIES

Adapted by
LEBBEUS MITCHELL

SYNOPSIS—Charles Darnay, having returned to Paris from London during the French Revolution to save the life of his old tutor who had appealed to him, is condemned to death by a Revolutionary Tribunal, upon the evidence of a letter his father-in-law, Dr. Manette, had written during his 18 years in the Bastille, denouncing the family of Evremonde (to which Darnay belonged) for its cruelty to a family of peasants. In vain, Dr. Manette tells the court that Darnay was not involved; that he is a friend of the French people and a Republic. No move is felt save an appeal to Danton himself, when Sydney Carton, English Advocate who had freed Darnay from a charge of treason, preferred against him through the hatred of the Marquis of Evremonde, arrives in Paris to help Lucie, Darnay's wife, whom he loves.

IN A CELL OF LA FORCE PRISON

Chapter XI

Prison took the child, ready to burst into tears, from the woman and Lucie's desperate eyes turned from following her daughter to encounter the unspoken sympathy in the face of Sydney Carton. She read no hope in that face. "Why not say it? There's no hope now." She sank into a chair, and Carton, not knowing how to comfort her, knelt beside her; tried to speak, but recognised the futility of speech and was silent. Lucie, as though communing with her own spirit, said after a time: "It's going to seem such a long time, Sydney afterwards..." In the eyes turned down to him was a haunted look that tore at his heart-strings. "If only I could see him—once. But I can't even do that." Mr. Lorry returned now and informed Lucie that her father was calling for her. He perceived Carton and said, as Lucie left: "Can we do nothing?" "I think," began Carton, amended his words: "I know I could get to see Charles once." "You could? How? But what earthly good would it do?" "Oh, I know a man—a way drinking fellows have—spent the afternoon with him. Mr. Lorry, you have your own permit to leave Paris whenever you please." At Mr. Lorry's affirmative nod, Carton hastened on: "And that have theirs—Lucie and the Doctor, Miss Pross and Jerry Cruncher. You'd have to move fast—"

"But why? These passes are valid any time?"

"Well cancelled," replied Carton shortly. "From what you've told me about Madame Defarge, the permits will be cancelled."

"You don't mean..." cried Mr. Lorry, horrified at his thought.

"The Doctor is suspected, from his behaviour at the trial. It is death for anyone to sympathise with the condemned. And to that tiger, Madame Defarge, even the child—she is an Evremonde."

"Little Lucie! It's unthinkable!"

"Take the Doctor's permit," said Carton, with the authority of one in command making sudden decisions. "And the others—here, mine, and keep it until to-morrow. He gave Mr. Lorry his own permit."

"I don't understand, Carton."

"Do I wait for you?"

"Wait for nothing but to have my place occupied."

Lorry looked at Carton, a glimmer of understanding in his eyes. "You don't wish to tell me anything more?" Carton made as though to speak, then slowly shook his head. Lorry took the passport. "Carton,

if I misunderstood you before, believe me, I regret it."

"My Lorry, you've had a long life—a useful one. If you looked back on that long life and saw that you had gained neither love, gratitude nor respect of any human being—it would be a bitter reflection, wouldn't it?"

"Why surely."

"Keep the bargain. I shall keep mine. And I shall borrow this coat and hat of yours." With that, Carton picked up the garment and left the room. He sought out Barsad at La Force prison. He knew the man would be there despite the lateness of the hour. "You know what I want, Barsad."

"Mr. Carton, that it couldn't be done! No one ever escaped from one of them prisons."

"I believe you, but there is something that can be done—you can get me an interview with the prisoner."

"What good will that do you?"

"I don't like to get mixed up in anything. Those fellows cut your head off quicker than—"

"How long would your head stay on your shoulders if I told the Committee on Public Safety that you were a paid spy of the Marquis of Evremonde?"

"Don't say that!" pleaded Barsad, looking about in panic. "I'll do what you say!"

Barsad led the way into the courtyard of the prison. After a whispered conversation with the head jailer, he and Carton were permitted to enter the building. Carton, face pale, hat low over his eyes, walked haltingly as though overcome by emotion or drink. A second jailer who glowered at them, bade them halt. "At a word from Barsad," he said. "Cell forty-nine. Ten minutes. No noise."

Charles Darnay looked up from the table at which he was writing farewell letters to Lucie and her father at the sound of a key being inserted in the lock. A man's form slipped into the cell and the door was closed behind him. The visitor raised his head so that the light from the table shone on his face.

"Carton! Of all people on earth!" cried Darnay, starting up. "What are you doing here?"

"I bring a request from Lucie. She begs you to do exactly as I say."

"Yes, but..." Carton, I don't understand what you have in mind, but it is useless to attempt any form of escape. It will involve all of you."

"My plan won't. Write what I dictate—quickly."

As he dictated, Carton had drawn a handkerchief from his pocket and waved it near Darnay's face.

"What's that?" asked the prisoner, still writing. "That queer smell."

"Hurry—finish the message," commanded Carton. "Hurry!"

"I'm faint—"

"Write! I said that if ever I could do anything for you or those dear to you."

Darnay looked up in surprise, caught sight of the object in Carton's hands, sprang to his feet. Carton knocked him out, threw the handkerchief over his face. After a moment's struggle, Darnay relaxed, was lowered into the chair from which he had arisen. Carton began quickly to wrench off Darnay's coat, took off Mr. Lorry's garment and put it on Darnay. Then he slipped into the coat he had removed from Darnay. When the jailer let Barsad into cell forty-nine, at the end of the prescribed ten minutes, the exchange of clothing was complete.

"I'm afraid we won't pull this off," Mr. Carton, he whispered.

"Do as you're told and we will."

"Mr. Darnay's No. 23. There's got to be a No. 23 in the morning."

"The will be. Now then, call for help and take Mr. Carton—Mr. Carton, remember—to the coach." He nodded at the figure of Darnay in the chair.

"You couldn't pay me to do what you're doing, Mr. Carton."

"Oh, I care any you'd have your price even for this Barsad. Now remember, get him to Mr. Lorry's by eight o'clock."

"I will."

"Good work Barsad. Now call

your friend."

Carton went to Darnay who, head on his arms on the table, was showing signs of coming to. They had lifted Darnay to his feet when the jailer, in response to Barsad's summons, entered the cell.

"What's that? Fainted has he? Staggered a bit as he came in."

"Now that his friend had drawn a prize in the lottery of Saint Gullotine finished him," said Barsad.

"Well, come on. Get him out."

When the prison had been closed and locked behind them, Carton gave an exclamation of relief, his eyes shining with a sense of achievement. He looked at his watch; it was seven o'clock.

"More than fifteen minutes had elapsed when he heard the voice of the jailer calling: Citizen Evremonde!" As the door was being unlocked, Carton blew out the candle so that his face might be indistinguishable in the shadowy light of gloomy cell. A woman's form entered the cell. She looked up in amazement at sight of Lucie, her body stiffened with fear; she came closer, recognized Carton and would have cried out but he spoke loudly to prevent her, and for the jailer to hear:

"Lucie, my darling, it was brave of you to come, but there is nothing you can do—nothing but say goodbye. Remember, all this I have given you I give freely. Say goodbye quickly, my dear. To stay, to make any protest. Would be to endanger the others." He lowered his voice to a whisper. "All the others—even little Lucie."

She looked long up into his face, saw no shadow of fear there, drew his head down to her and kissed him. (To Be Continued)

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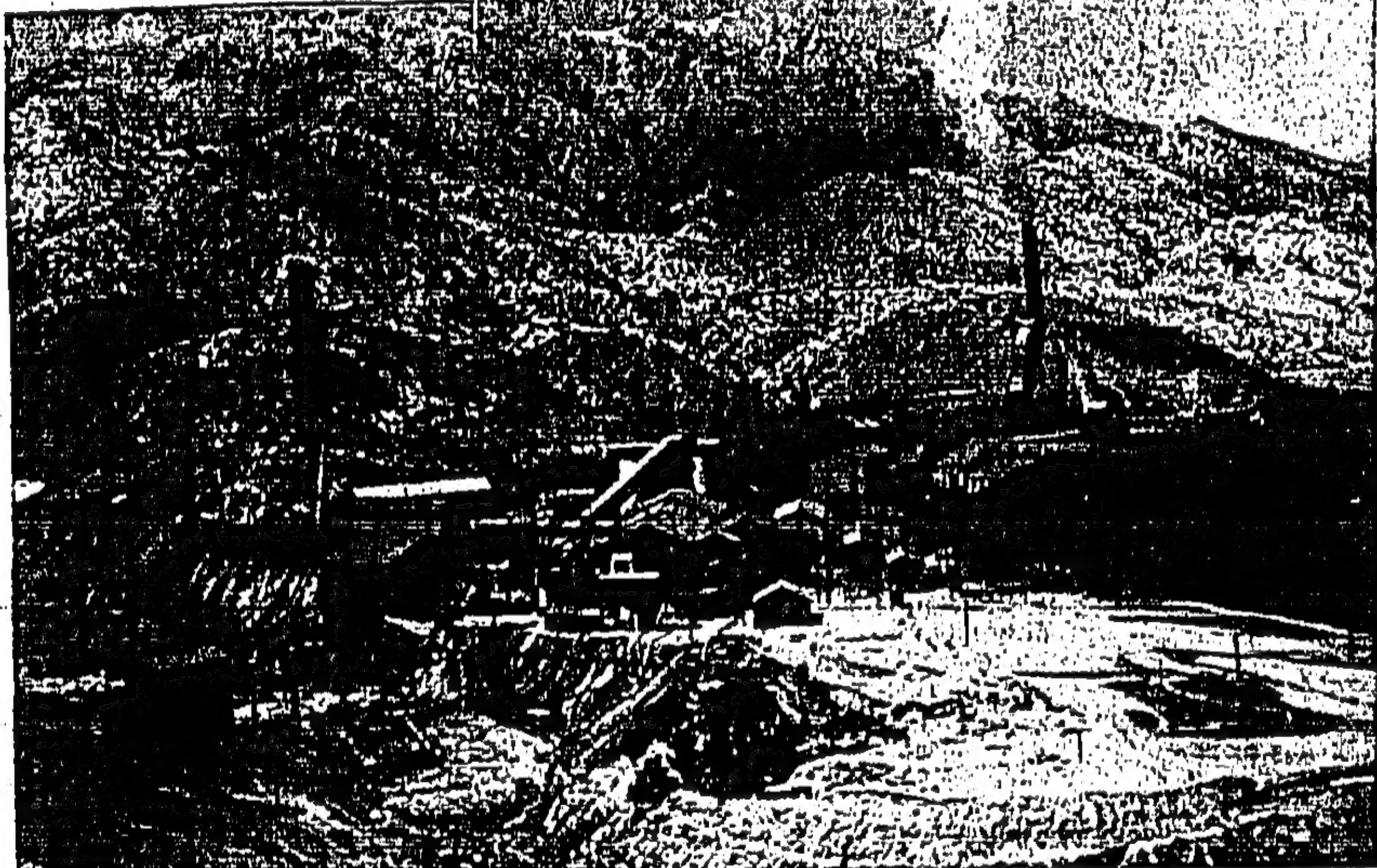
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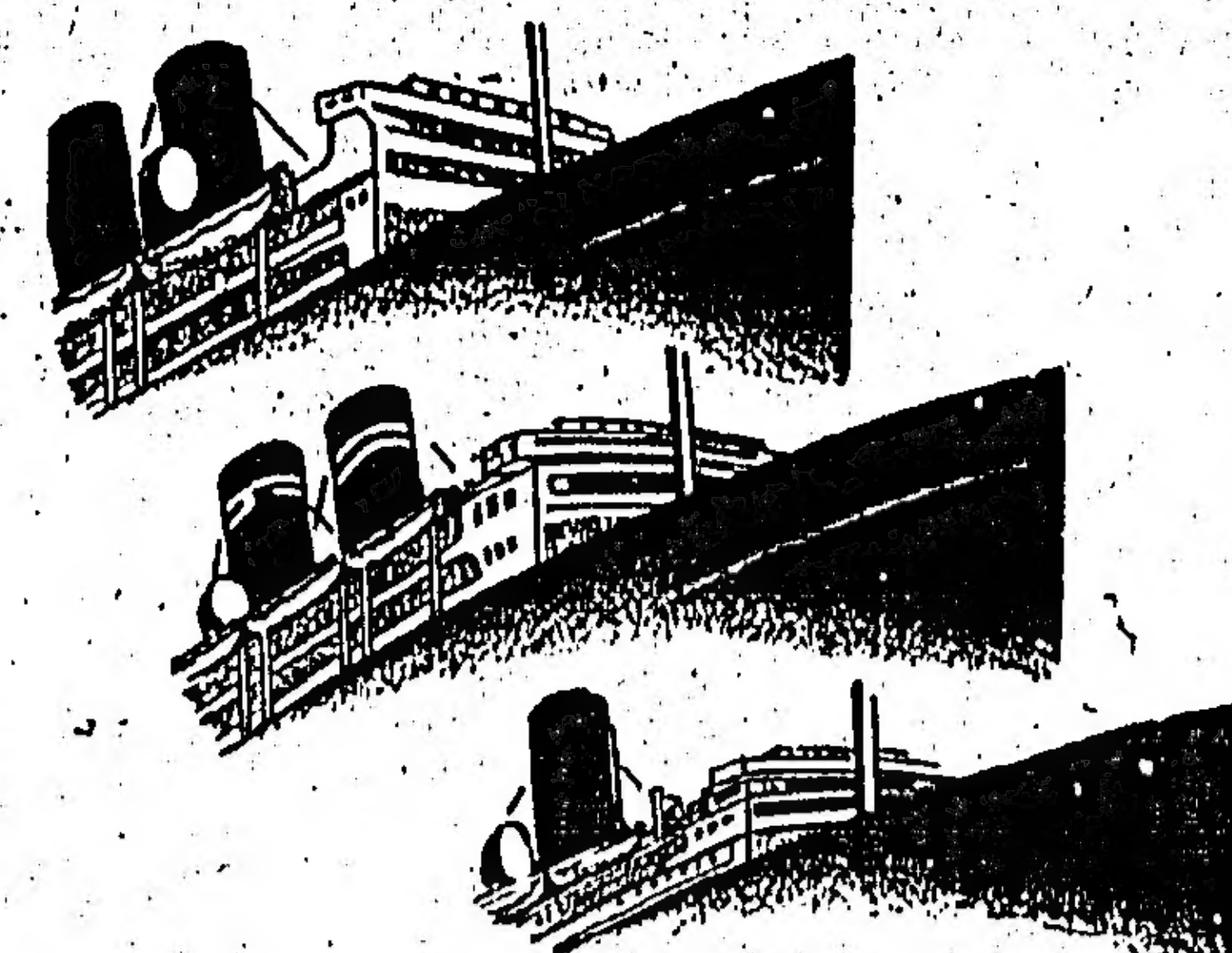
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HISTORIC CORONATION DUTIES

CHAMPION OF THE KING

Among those taking part in next year's Coronation of King Edward will be the holders of several historic offices almost unknown to the general public because only the crowning of a Monarch brings them into prominence.

No function of this ceremony will have more dashing associations than that performed by the King's Champion, who will bear the Standard of England in the King's procession at Westminster Abbey. The present hereditary holder of the office, Mr. F. S. Dymoke, who is 73, was at King George's Coronation.

He is a descendant of the Sir John Dymoke who caused a sensation at the coronation of Richard II. by confronting the procession on the "best horse but one" from the Royal stables in order to challenge to combat any who might gainsay the sovereign's claims.

Unfortunately, he had chosen the wrong moment and was curtly bidden to "take his ease and rest awhile" and appear in the proper place at the proper time.

Until the coronation of William IV, the King's Champion would ride full-armed into Westminster Hall during the coronation banquet and sling down his challenging gauntlet.

KEEPER OF JEWEL HOUSE

Another picturesque and little-known official is the Keeper of the Jewel House, now Sir George Younghusband, who must deliver to the Archbishop of Canterbury the ruby ring which the latter places on the King's right hand and the State Sword of Offering which, after being hallowed on the altar, is belted about the King by the Lord Great Chamberlain.

At the recent proclamation of King Edward many Londoners saw for the first time representatives of the College of Heralds in their tabards. The coronation will bring many more to the processions, with such romantic titles as Ushers of the Red Wand and the Green, Carnarvon and Fitzalan Pursuivants, Extraordinary, and Albany, Ross and Rothesay Heralds.

Last in the procession, if precedent is followed, will be four curiously-styled officers of the Yeomen of the Guard: the Clerk of the Cheque and the four Exons. The Clerk of the Cheque (Brig.-Gen. J. C. Wray) is secretary and adjutant of the Guard and must have been a major in the Army. The Exons must each have been captains. The present holders of the office are Brig.-Gen. R. C. A. McCalmont, Lt.-Col. E. B. Frederick, Lt.-Col. William Gibbs, and Brig.-Gen. Lord Rowdney. Their title derives from the French pronunciation of "exempt," an "exempt" having been an officer in the old French Garde du Corps.

Doomed Man Freed 15 Years After

Paris, Apr. 1. M. LEON AUROGNON, a Paris tailor, lived for fifteen years under a false name in order to escape a death penalty passed on him in 1921. To-day he was acquitted of the crime.

In 1921 there was a fight in a Paris cafe which ended in the death of Jean Alavoine.

Aurognon, who had been in the cafe, "disappeared" and was sentenced to death in his absence for the crime.

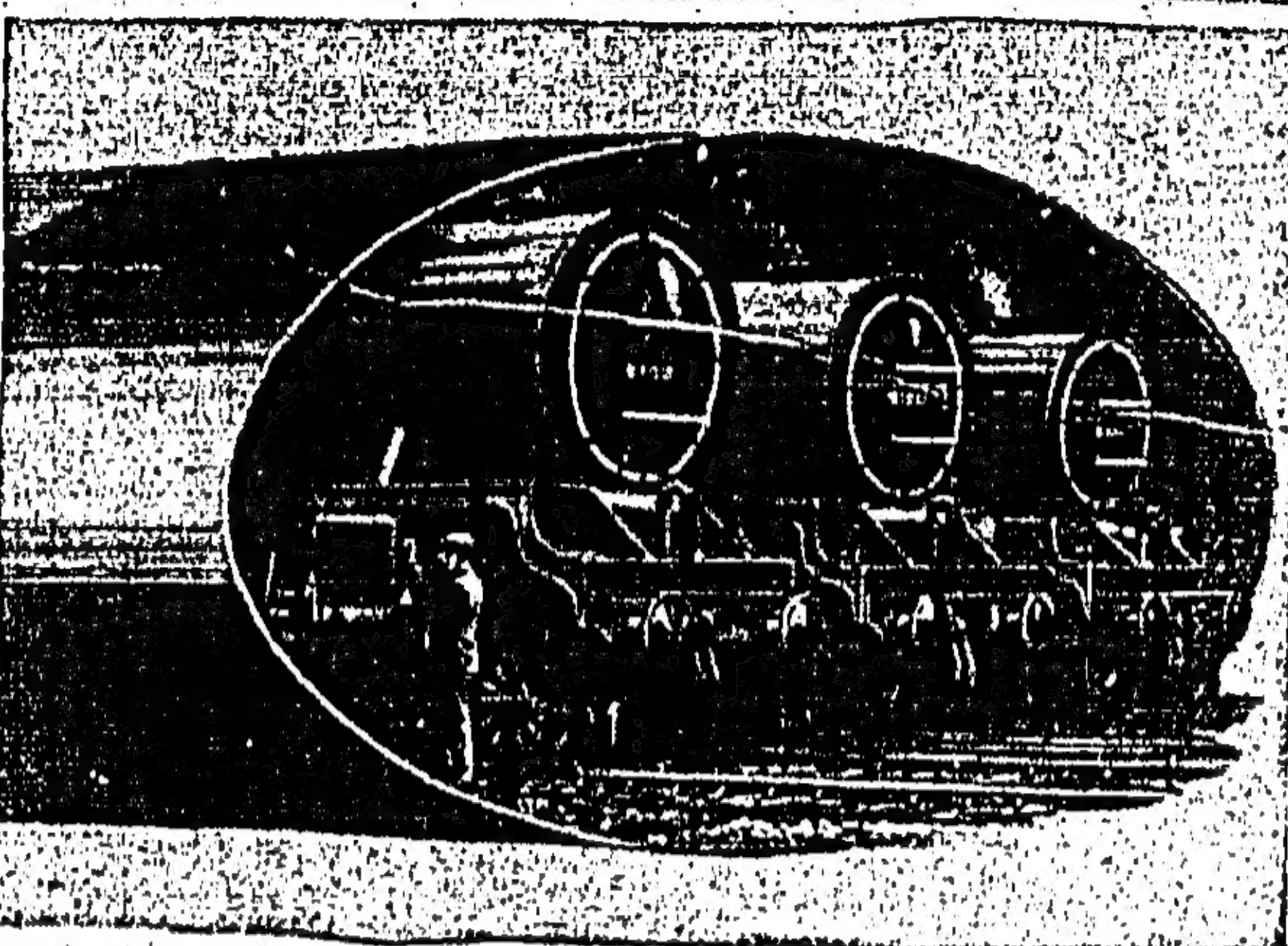
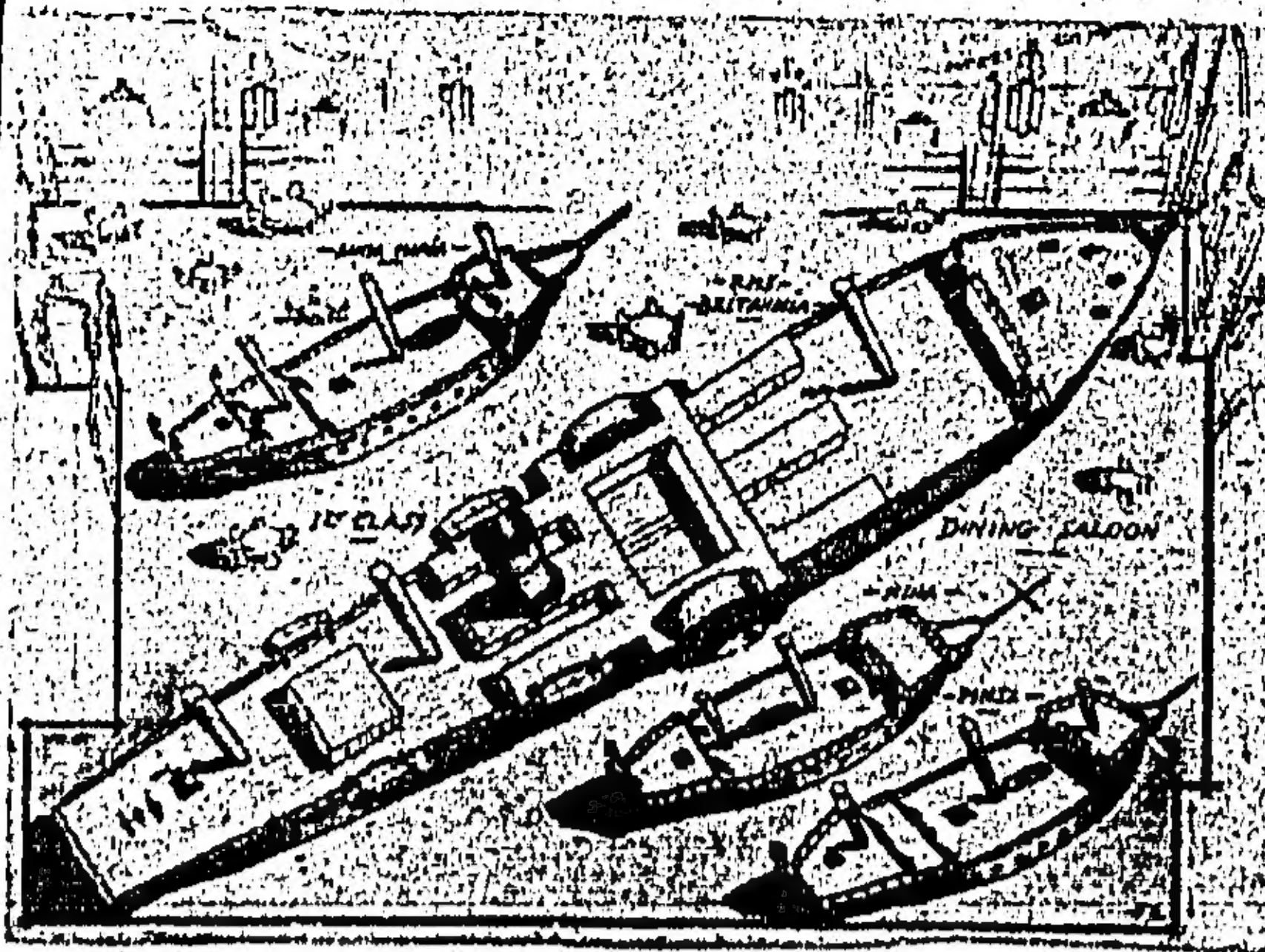
Fifteen years passed, during which the police failed to find any trace of him. Aurognon, however, had started life afresh in another quarter of Paris under the name of "M. Touzot."

NEW START

He married, built up a prosperous tailoring business, and brought up nine children. Nobody suspected his secret until last week, when he was betrayed to the police.

To-day, aged 45 and white-haired, Leon Aurognon stood in the dock. The case of fifteen years ago was tried again. This time, however, he was represented by a lawyer who claimed that the sentence of death was unjustified because his client had acted in self-defence. The court agreed, and Aurognon left the dock a free man.

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MENNONITE MARTYRS PACK UP THEIR TENTS FOR ANOTHER TREK

VICTIMISATION IN MEXICO

El Paso, Texas, Mar. 26. Seven thousand Mennonites, many of whom passed through Hongkong on their trip from Russia will leave colonies in Chihuahua state because of a Mexican government decree barring Bibles in Mennonite schools, Albram Dyck, Mennonite preacher, has just announced.

Baffling Fakir Tricks

"SUGGESTION" AS AN EXPLANATION

Stories of Indian fakir tricks were told by Major G. H. Rooke before the East India Association at the Caxton Hall, London, recently.

Whereas sleight-of-hand and conjurers' dexterity are normally put forward as the explanations of the well-known "mango" and "basket" tricks, Major Rooke emphasised the part which suggestion might play in such performances.

About the basket trick, he told a story to show that blood might appear to be shed from a supposed knife wound, might be "collected" by a doctor on his handkerchief for examination, and yet prove not to be at all.

The usual explanation of the basket trick, in which a sword is run through a basket with a boy inside, is that the boy is small enough to curl himself round the basket and avoid the sword; and that, if blood appears on the sword, then it has been arranged that the sword shall pass through some blood, although not the boy's, on its way through the basket.

The Doctor's Story

Major Rooke related how he had not himself been allowed to run his sword through the basket during such a performance—so far supporting the traditional explanation. Then he told his story of the doctor.

A certain Dr. Gordon Dill, he stated, had on one such occasion witnessed the magician drive a knife through the arm of one of his confederates. Blood spouted out, the doctor put his hand with a handkerchief under the man's arm, saw the bloodstain on the handkerchief, and returned the handkerchief to his pocket.

"Shortly afterwards," he added, "when the magician had departed, he found no trace whatever of the bloodstains, which had completely disappeared."

Similarly the mango trick is usually attributed to sleight-of-hand. In this, a mango seed is planted and covered with a cloth, and as the cloth is successively lifted various stages of growth, up to the point of fruiting, are displayed.

Dyck, G. J. Rempell and Cornelius Schmitt, another Mennonite priest, were delegated to go to Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Canada, as delegates of the Chihuahua Mennonites, to look for prospective sites, to which Mennonites can migrate.

"The government has taken our Bibles out of our schools, and an order forbids us reading the Bible to our children," Dyck said. "Several times we were notified not to use it in teaching."

"We may go to British Columbia, or Alberta, Canada," he added. "We will return after three months of investigation. If our findings are satisfactory, all Chihuahua Mennonites will start an exodus to the place selected."

"The Mexican socialistic educational programme is against our beliefs and religion. We can not teach it to our children."

Bandits who constantly bother the Mennonites were given as another reason for the contemplated exodus. Several Mennonites have been killed by Mexican bandits, Dyck said.

"Conditions in the Chihuahua colonies are satisfactory," he said. "All Mennonites have plenty to eat."

Exodus of the 7,000 Mennonites will leave behind the products of years of labour. Their schools, farms and churches, all simple wooden huts, probably will be occupied by Mexican peasants.

Since the Mennonites are Chihuahua's chief producers and farmers, officials consider their exodus a financial blow.

More than 800 have left in small groups for Canada, their former home.—United Press.

Bowl Of Earth

Major Rooke confirmed the sleight-of-hand explanation when he saw the trick on his verandah; but also quoted other personal descriptions in which the trick had been performed in a compound, with better opportunities for accurate observation, and by men wearing only a dhoti and provided with no other apparatus but a bowl of earth and a cloth.

"In a particular case related to me by a barrister friend, subsequently a Judge in the Indian Civil Service," Major Rooke stated, "he said the magician refused to allow him to touch the mango plant when at its fullest development."

"On asking the juggler how it was done, he replied, 'It is maya' (Sanskrit for illusion); which suggests that, in this instance, the trick had a psychological basis and consequently no genuine actuality at all."

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